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"It was excellent opportunity to talk to quality, high calibre potential employees. The atmosphere at the event was buzzing with activity and enthusiasm. Definitely attending in September.

Geraldine Harrison
HR Service Centre
Manager
Northampton General
Hospital NHS Trust



I wanted to once again express what a great experience Saturday was. The event was excellent and we found that everyone who we spoke to was relevant. Both myself and my colleague have recommended to my manager that we attend again in September.

Robert Prince,
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MK Job Show a storming success

Against a backdrop of vibrant activity in Middleton Hall in the centre:mk, Lord Younger of Leckie, opened the largest recruitment event held in the city for nearly ten years. When opening the MK Job Show on Saturday 25th January Lord Younger said,

"First impressions are that this is a fantastic job show, with nearly 70 exhibitors and, although it has only just started, there is already fantastic buzz and a real sense of energy both from the companies exhibiting and from those looking around. I am very hopeful indeed that there will be an exceptional matching of those business' seeking skills and individuals looking for jobs. It is very encouraging indeed at this point for our government to see such activity.

"There is a tremendous sense of opportunity and a tremendous sense that they are doing well... Many of them are



definitely in a position that they are looking to hire, not just apprentices, but across the board and one of things that has particularly cropped up is the shortage of engineering, science and IT skills. But the exhibitors seem to be extremely confident already that they will find the people they are looking for.

"Again this is extremely encouraging...

There is great range of industries and business' represented here today and I have been struck by some of the major companies that have come here today, including high profile businesses such as easyJet, Monarch, Travis Perkins and the Home Retail Group as well as international

brands like Volkswagen and Mercedes. There are also organisations that are focusing on such important aspects as diversity in the workplace. The whole idea is to encourage people of all ages, gender and ethnicity – everybody as you can imagine – to come in and to take on different types of roles."

Visitors to the MKJobShow were offered numerous workshops and seminars to help them with their preparation for interviews. The workshops covered such subjects as Mid-Life Career Review, How to Shine at Interviews, Building Confidence and Motivation to ensure successful job-seeking.

Seminars were presented by some of the most experienced talent experts in the country highlighting the career prospects in engineering, leisure, hospitality, finance and the complete spectrum of employment opportunities.



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Excellent opportunity to network with other employers in local area. It was great to see such a variety of people all looking for the right opportunity for them.
Good venue creating the right amount of

interest and expertise all in one place. An excellent opportunity to talk to the right people with the right ethos who can add value to your company.

**Kuehne + Nagel
Resourcing Team**

skillscentre:mk

The **skillscentre:mk** was delighted with the organisation, venue, footfall & outcomes of the event in Middleton Hall as it was busy and well attended.

We were there to engage with potential clients for both our funded and accredited pre-employment training courses and candidates for our commercial, professional & retail courses.
It was a very useful & productive event for all concerned!
Jackie Small, skillscentre:mk



Steven Eagell Toyota
(Milton Keynes)

We found the whole day to be refreshing, well organised and came away with some excellent candidates. We are an aspirational company looking to grow and were looking for various roles for demanding positions, I am pleased to say we have since recruited 2 people in space of a week and have further interviews

arranged with potential candidates.

The venue was very well decorated with ample walking space and stands were well set up to meet our requirements. We were also very impressed with footfall throughout the whole day and would not hesitate to participate, should an opportunity arise to do it again.

**Sheraz Rashid
General Manager
Steven Eagell Toyota**

Monarch Group

On behalf of the Monarch Group, we would like to thank everyone who attended the MK Job Show event. It was great to have the opportunity to speak to so many different people in one day. We were particularly interested in meeting potential candidates for our IT, Finance, Marketing, HR & Engineering

roles and have been really impressed with the quality of applications received. All of our current vacancies can be viewed at <http://www.monarch.co.uk/jobs> and then applied for via the on-line system. As the Monarch Group continues to grow, there has never been a better time to join us

**Sarah Keen, Group HR
Shared Services Manager,
Monarch Group**

"The response to the careers fair was considerably higher than our initial expectations. As a retailer, we were hoping to attract people interested in not only retail opportunities but also for our head office in Milton Keynes. We gave out in excess of 800 application forms for our Argos and Homebase stores.

We also met people with relevant experience to discuss roles in Marketing,



Finance, IT, Distribution, HR, Buying and Merchandising.

Our main aim for the event was to advertise the broad spectrum of opportunities we have available and considering the response, it is absolutely an event we would look to attend in the future."

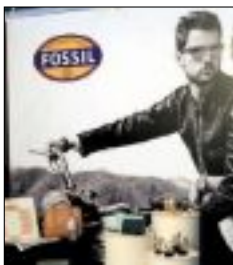
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Home Retail Group**

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This weekend's MK Job Show proved to be a runaway success with both job seekers and employers. Many of the regions top employers met in Middleton Hall to look for talented potential employees.
The event was opened by Lord Younger, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Intellectual Property.



"We found the event a great opportunity to raise our employer profile in Milton Keynes; Fossil have been in Milton Keynes for over 10 years but is relatively unknown in comparison to other head offices in the area. We were inundated with visitors to our stand and felt the event was a great success for all. We met some quality candidates within marketing, HR and customer service who we will be getting in contact with regarding current opportunities."



**Natasha Laidlaw,
Recruitment Advisor,
Fossil UK**

europa by easyJet

We were keen to attend the MK Job Show to raise easyJet's profile as a local head office employer in the Milton Keynes area. It is well known that easyJet employs cabin crew and pilots, but less well-known are the opportunities in more traditional head office functions, including HR, Finance, Commercial

and Marketing. The fair gave us a great opportunity to promote the various roles we have available now, but also the types of roles which might come available in the future.

As a result, the interest in easyJet and our stand was amazing, with queues to talk to us for most of the day. Questions ranged from enquiries about permanent opportunities in our IT function from experienced specialists through to recently

graduated students looking for an entry level position. We have already experienced a significant increase in our cabin crew applications. It was generally agreed by all the team, that the day had been extremely successful and that we had met a number of people who we would like to stay in touch with.

**Ruth Spalding,
Resourcing Manager,
easyJet**



The show was an excellent opportunity to tap into the talent pool of local job seekers, school leavers and graduates who were all looking for new opportunities. It highlighted the vast number of skilled people we have in the local market who have a great attitude and want to work. Due to the publicity beforehand most people came prepared with CV's and cover letters and had researched the company and any available

roles, demonstrating their motivation to not only get a job but to get the right job with the right company. We were looking for engineers and some quite specialist disciplines and we weren't disappointed. We will be following up over the next few weeks with all those that left their details with us and arranging some open days for those that are interested. All in all a very well organised, well attended show which can only benefit the local communities.
**Bernie Franklin, Group HR
Manager, The Jaltek Group.**

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Name row is settled out of court

THE owner of a school in Milton Keynes that was embroiled in a name row with Harvard University in America claims she has been paid to change its name.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Havard School, which has two campuses in the city centre, was being taken to court by the university – which counts US presidents including Barack Obama among its alumni – because the similar name ‘infringed its copyright’.

But the school's owner, The Rev Dr Tina Beloveth Powerful, launched a £2million counter-claim.

Now she claims Harvard has paid her to change the name.

She told MK NEWS yesterday: “We are all very happy. We settled as we did not want it to go to court.”

The school – which had been named Havard after Dr Beloveth Powerful's grandfather – will now be named Everest School of Transformational Leadership.

“I have renamed it as Everest because that was the name of my father,” she said.

The school had claimed to offer courses in business and accountancy, mainly for students arriving from overseas.

But Dr Beloveth Powerful has had to previously deny that she was offering a number of the courses without the appropriate accreditation.

Milton Keynes Trading Standards confirmed investigations into Dr Beloveth Powerful were ‘ongoing’.

Harvard University was unavailable for comment.

An inspiration: Little Henry Allen, who died in October, united the city with his ability to smile throughout his cancer ordeal



Keep Henry's legacy alive

Sign our petition to get a pillar at MK Rose

BY JAMES AVERILL
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BRAVE four-year-old Henry Allen united the city during his battle with cancer.

His story touched the hearts of thousands of people in Milton Keynes and when he sadly passed away in October last year books of remembrance were opened across the city and hundreds lined the streets to say farewell at his funeral. The community was inspired to hold dozens of fundraising events to raise money for the Henry Allen Appeal, set up to raise £500,000 to send the Bletchley youngster abroad for medical care until he became too ill for treatment.

His fight against neuroblastoma – a rare cancer that affects the nervous system – demonstrated the city's ‘can do’ attitude and showed how the community in MK unites

to try and make a difference.

Now MK NEWS wants to help Henry's legacy live on by campaigning for a pillar to be erected in his honour at MK Rose in Campbell Park.

Key figures in the city have already thrown their support behind our campaign, including MK Dons' boss Karl Robinson, who said he ‘100 per cent’ backs it.

He told MK NEWS: “Henry was a lovely boy and a real inspiration for all those who were fortunate enough to meet him. Henry is one of our own and his memory will live on in all of our hearts.”

Also backing our campaign is mayor Brian White, who said: “The impact of Henry's appeal has touched us all. I think it's a tremendous example of how a campaign reflects its community.”

Henry's mother, Dawn, said she was ‘overwhelmed’ at the campaign to remember him, saying: “It would mean the absolute world to me and his dad Mark, and all those who looked out for the appeal, to have a place where everybody could go to remember this

brave little superhero.

“I think people warmed to Henry because he always had a smile on his face. I think the pillar would demonstrate that if we all stand as one community you can make such a difference.”

“I'd like to thank MK NEWS for all its support so far.”

Pillars for the MK Rose are selected by an independent group, which is due to meet again in the summer of 2015.

Space on the Rose is very limited and only one or two pillars will be added every couple of years. A spokesman for the Rose said they ‘welcomed suggestions for pillars’.

MK NEWS editor, Cally Jenkins, said: “We need as many signatures as possible to make this a reality and we hope we can count on everyone's support.”

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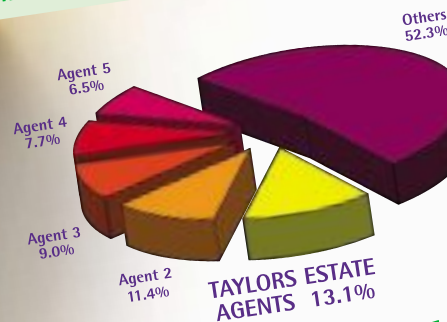
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Research into war heroes in Great Linford

VILLAGERS are researching the lives of the men named on the war memorial at their church – and hope to compile a booklet to remember them.

Members of St Andrew's Church in Great Linford and other residents are hoping to find out enough about the 11 men to write the booklet to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the war.

The man behind the idea is David Kent, whose father was wounded during the First World War.

He told MK NEWS: "We've been musing the idea for two or three years.

"We need people's help to find out more about them. There are six of us trying to gather as much information as possible."

The men listed on the memorial are: Captain Ronald M. Purvis, Sergeant William Hobbs, Private (Pt) Ernest Brightman, Pt Glencoe Fincham, Pt Walter R H Flute, Pt Walter C Riddy, Pt Christopher L Sapwell, Pt Joseph Spriggs, Pt Walter Chamberlain and Pt Harry Seamarks and his brother Lance Corporal Frederick T Seamarks.

Are you a relative or family friend of any of these men? Or do you have any photographs of Great Linford Village between 1914 and 1919? If you can help call Mr Kent on 01908 316677.



Greg Rutherford gets his kit off

OLYMPIC gold medallist Greg Rutherford has done his first ever naked photo shoot – for a gay lifestyle magazine.

The long jumper, from Woburn Sands, did the shoot for Attitude magazine's The Naked Issue, which goes on sale today.

Greg said: "I had a great time on the shoot. Everyone was committed to getting some great shots, which I think we did. I've always been a vocal supporter of gay rights and have many friends in the gay community so to show my support is important to me."

'Lessons must be learnt from blaze'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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THE developers of a warehouse that was destroyed by fire ignored the recommendation that sprinklers should be fitted, it has emerged this week.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service received more than 70 emergency calls within minutes of the building, which contained about 7,000 gas filled fridges, catching fire.

More than 60 firefighters battled with the blaze last month, which caused a huge plume of black smoke that could be seen as far away as Bedford and Northampton.

The 20 staff inside the Liebherr warehouse, in Renny Park Road, Newport Pagnell, which was run by Coolectric, were evacuated safely from the fire and are now working in a new building in Kingston.

This week the fire service revealed the warehouse did not have sprinklers fitted because they are not mandatory in the UK for buildings its size.

Jason Thelwell, the service's chief operating officer, said: "Bucks Fire and Milton Keynes Council recommended the installation of sprinklers when

plans for the warehouse were made in 2001, but the developers were under no obligation to install them.

"The good news was that the building was safely evacuated and no-one was injured. But we believe that more should be done to protect businesses against fire."

The warehouse was situated next to a housing estate, which was built in 2005.

Labour councillor Douglas McCall lives in one of the homes and said: "On Monday I held a meeting with the council's chief executive to question why a warehouse that had such combustible material did not have sprinklers and why housing was built so close.

"Those houses would have been at risk if the wind had been blowing in their direction.

"I have asked that the council considers making changes in the next review of planning policy as lessons must be learnt."

Buckinghamshire's fire service has joined others across the country to ask the Government to review current guidance and promote the installation of sprinklers in industrial and commercial premises.

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The happy couple: Tattoo artist and musician Joe Kent pictured with Emma on their wedding day

Joe was out for wife's birthday

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE trial looking into the death of a young husband has been told he died after being hit while he was out celebrating his wife's birthday.

Popular tattoo artist and musician Joe Kent was out celebrating his wife Emma's 22nd birthday on January 13, 2013 when he became involved in a fight outside KFC in Xscape.

Luton Crown Court was told he was hit twice and it was the second blow – delivered by Samir Bostan – that caused his death.

Mr Bostan, of Wolston Meadow, Middleton, has pleaded not guilty to Joe's manslaughter.

The 25-year-old, as well as Hamza Noor, 22, of Wembley, London, have also pleaded not guilty to assaulting friend Andrew Curzon-Berners in the same attack.

During the trial, which started last week, pathologist Dr Nicholas Hunt told the court that the bleeding on the brain was from a tear in the lining of a blood vessel going up through Joe's neck into the back part of his brain – a tear caused by the impact of Bostan's strike.

Jurors also listened to how

Joe – who died two days after the incident at Milton Keynes Hospital – would have suffered a cardiac arrest even before he had hit the ground as the bleeding would have affected his heart and respiratory functions.

In the witness box, widow Emma told the court that they had been embroiled in a row with two men who had come out of the KFC.

She thought trouble had passed and went into a shop before being told a minute later that Joe had been hit and went out to see him 'stumbling and looking at me'.

The trial continues.

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Three years in jail

A MAN has been sent to prison for three years after committing two burglaries and two thefts in Olney. Anthony Ash, 41, from Northampton, was also convicted of stealing a vehicle in the town.

Flood alert for river

A FLOOD alert was still in place yesterday for the River Great Ouse in Newport Pagnell. More rain is forecast this week.

Court appearance

A 45-YEAR-OLD man is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court today charged with wounding with intent. Mark Haddock of Peartree Bridge is accused of slashing a man's face at The Bull Inn, Newport Pagnell.

CCTV image after bus assault

A CCTV image of a man connected with a sexual assault on a bus has been released by police.

The victim of the attack, a 17-year-old girl, boarded the Stagecoach bus outside McDonalds in the city centre last Wednesday.

While on the bus the girl was inappropriately touched and asked questions of a

sexual nature by the man.

The teenager got off the X5 bus at Bedford bus station. The man also got off the bus, but it is not believed he followed her.

Anyone with information should call investigator Selena Nolan on 101.



See the CCTV footage at: www.mkweb.co.uk

Drivers caught red handed

ROADS policing officers caught drivers red handed during registered checks in Olney High Street on Friday.

From 7.50-9.10am officers carried out checks on random vehicles and recorded seven seatbelt offences for which drivers will be invited to attend an educational course.

Twelve people were stopped for using their mobiles and could face three points on their licence and a £100 fine.

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Lack of commonsense

SO TWO Mile Ash School plans to expand by building facilities for 180 four to seven-year-old pupils (MK NEWS, January 22).

The present severe traffic congestion will only be exacerbated by this proposed expansion.

But it would appear commonsense has gone out of the window for Milton Keynes Council and Two Mile Ash School.

The whole scheme flies in the face of the structured development planning that makes Milton Keynes such a unique place to live and work in.

Should there be a need to provide additional school places for this age group then this should be spread out at a number of existing first school sites throughout Milton Keynes, not at one unsuitable site.

If (or when) this development goes ahead it will just demonstrate the total disregard that the council and the school have for the residents of Two Mile Ash.

Alan Howkins
Two Mile Ash

The price of success?

MK NEWS has reported on the expansion plans of two schools, Denbigh and Two Mile Ash, both utilising funding secured from the Department for Education.

One of the key differences between these proposals is that the expansion of Two Mile Ash School would represent an extension of the school's age range

to include four to seven-year-olds, most of whom would be likely to be brought in by car from outside Two Mile Ash.

In its objection to the current planning application, the Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG) questions the desirability of our area accommodating such a large part of the predicted MK shortfall in places for four-year-olds.

Instead, as a matter of principle, should not the emphasis be on providing school places locally so that there remains a strong option for our youngest children to be educated within their own local communities, placing them within walking distance of school?

That maximum 500-metre distance from home to first school was an important principle enshrined in the original planning of Milton Keynes and seen as fundamental to the building of communities.

With the 700 or so existing pupils at Two Mile Ash School, the centre of our village already suffers from significant traffic and parking conflicts arising from 'the school run'.

This involves hundreds of individual parking manoeuvres all with the potential to 'clog up' traffic and the situation is likely to worsen significantly were the proposed further expansion to go ahead.

In terms of pedestrian safety in a situation where there would be many moving cars, TMAEG believes that the proposed new entrants – the four to seven-year-olds – would be particularly

vulnerable.

Undoubtedly, Two Mile Ash benefits from its excellent schools. But it would seem a high price to pay if the 'reward' for that success were to be a further expansion that is so unsuitable for our area in traffic, environmental and probably safety terms.

Chris Gossop
Chairman
TMAEG

Help save our centre

I WANT to urge your readers to attend a public meeting called by the current trustees of Creed Street Theatre and Arts Centre (formerly Madcap) to discuss its future.

The trustees are looking at selling this well-loved venue in Wolverton to pay off debts.

Many of us want to find a way to keep it open as an arts centre with a focus on young people.

Come to the theatre at 6pm tomorrow if you want to help with this.

Hilary Saunders
Wolverton

Opening the floodgates

REGARDING your story 'Fears for build plan' in last week's paper.

Developers such as FLP, who control a major site in Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill are looking closely at these kind of proposals.

Any development outside the core strategy, as Nick Luke states in your story, will lead to a flood of developments outside the core strategy.

As soon as Milton Keynes Council sets a precedent the floodgates will open and once at the appeal stage any application with an ounce of merit will be unstoppable.

Then it would be hard to stop 53 new homes, and then another 45 and another 45 homes etc.

James Farmer
Bow Brickhill

Supporting lantern ban

I WAS really pleased to read that Tesco took the step to withdraw Chinese lanterns from sale at its stores (Tesco stores in Milton Keynes to stop selling Chinese lanterns, MKWeb, January 31).

These lanterns pose a threat to wildlife and the countryside. In recent months there has been more media coverage about the likely fires and damage caused to homes and properties by burning lanterns.

Even if they don't cause fire damage the paper and wire remains are dangerous to farm animals and wildlife if eaten. That is why the National Farmers Union have been leading the calls for action.

Last year, after another terrible fire, the Government ruled out restricting the sale of these lanterns. I wish they would look at the issue again.

In the meantime, well done to Tesco for listening to farmers and campaigners' concerns, I hope that other retailers follow suit.

Andrew Pakes
Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Candidate for Milton Keynes South

Mark's Monthly Focus

MP Mark Lancaster talks about mental health



WITH the Government announcement last week and plans to tackle the problems of mental health in the NHS, now is an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of this important issue.

It is said that on average one in four of us will experience a mental illness at some point in our lives and yet there is such a negative stigma attached to it that many endure in silence for years.

The latest announcement by the Department of Health shows its new mission statement for 2014 as No Health without Mental Health. This shows how intrinsic mental health is going to be moving forward for every health strategy and care plan the Government and the NHS bring to people.

One of the main issues to be targeted in the years to come is waiting times. I get many emails from constituents at the delay between their initial contact with a GP to any sort of specialist intervention, whether that be a talking therapy or other forms of counselling such as online cognitive behavioural therapy.

This leaves people feeling helpless for months on end, something the Government is now determined to put a stop to.

By challenging the health and social care community to go further and faster to transform the support and care available to people with mental health problems for both children and adults, we are challenging the public health community.

With local government in the lead we aim to give mental health, wellbeing promotion and prevention the long overdue attention it needs and deserves.

In MK we are also starting to do our bit to raise awareness around mental health, more specifically dementia.

Already encouraged by those providing care to those living with the condition, I am keen to promote strong working partnerships and have invited a number of specialists and like minded organisations to attend a forum, which will be held in March.

One such project, the Memory Cafe, was set up in Newport Pagnell as part of Westbury Grange Care Home.

It not only focuses on those in the early stages of dementia but the whole

family unit. The innovative project meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

This plays a vital role in allaying many fears about the onset of dementia, the perception of care homes and the opportunities for respite.

With the Government backing an increase in funding for dementia, I will most certainly be working closely with the MK teams to ensure that we develop sustainable projects for 2014 and beyond.

This is exactly what we need for all forms of mental illness going forward; community engagement and support.

■ Turn to page 21 to find out how an MK businessman is helping to tackle the stigma of dementia.

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Wicked arrives at theatre

MILTON Keynes became the New Emerald city when the colourful musical, Wicked, flew into the city yesterday.

The popular show, based on the untold story of the witches of Oz, opened when the cast members arrived in their costumes.

In celebration residents will see

a number of city landmarks going green and ticket holders can enjoy some fantastic offers from Destination MK to celebrate how Wicked MK is. The show tells the story of an unlikely friendship between two sorcery students. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz see them fulfil their destinies

as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

If you want to design your own witches outfit for a chance to win some Wicked prizes see MK LIFE from page 35.

The show is at Milton Keynes Theatre until March 8. To book tickets call 0844 871 7652.

Driver who hit crossing fined

BY ADAM LUKE
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A LORRY driver who sped over a level crossing and destroyed a descending barrier as a train approached has avoided receiving a ban.

Daniel Saunders, from Emerson Valley who works for MK-based K&K Services haulage firm, pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention following the incident on August 12, 2013.

But he escaped with nine penalty points and a fine after magistrates agreed he needed his licence to work

and support his family. His wife is pregnant and their first child requires regular trips to Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

The 29-year-old was on a regular assignment to Cambridgeshire when the offence took place.

CCTV images showed the Volvo lorry driving across the crossing in Sawston – despite red lights showing for five seconds – and hitting and damaging a barrier on the

other side.

Saunders pulled over to call his company so it could raise the alarm, after failing to find a contact number at the unmanned crossing.

Cambridge magistrates were told the former soldier, who served on two tours in Iraq, 'deeply regretted' his error.

He was fined £300 and ordered to pay £85 court costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

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MKNEWSBRIEFS

Five hurt in crash

FIVE people were hurt in a crash at the junction of Cullen Place and Windermere Drive in Bletchley last Wednesday. Two were taken to hospital and the others were treated on the scene of the accident – which happened at 3.30pm.

Ankle broken in fight

A WOMAN in her 20s broke an ankle during a fight in the city centre on January 8 that had begun on a canal boat moored in Simpson. The attacker was a male with ginger hair who had an Arsenal tattoo. It is believed to have been one of a series of altercations involving him.

A world first to be celebrated

VETERANS will gather today at The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the world's first electronic computer.

On February 5, 1944 Colossus Mk I attacked its first Lorenz-encrypted message at Bletchley Park,

the cipher used by Hitler and his generals during the Second World War.

And Colossus will be celebrated as veterans watch a re-enactment of the codebreaking process. The chairman of TNMC, Chris Reynolds, said it will be 'an honour' to host the veterans.

Elderly man's racist attack

AN ELDERLY man – believed to be in his 70s or 80s – is wanted for hitting a woman with a cane in a racial assault at a bus stop.

The pensioner approached the black woman, who was waiting for a bus in

Midsummer Boulevard, before racially abusing her, spitting at her and hitting her with his cane. The assault took place at 9am on Wednesday, January 22. Anyone with information should call PC Lucy Talbot on 101.

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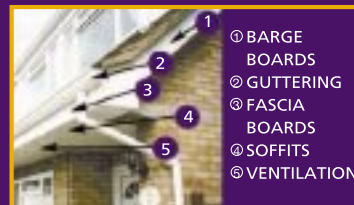
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Found: The body of Steven Rosario is recovered by paramedics from Willen Lake in January

Cops found note after lake death

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE man who was found dead in Willen Lake had left a note in his hotel room saying 'must test life jacket'.

At the opening of the inquest into his death on Thursday, Milton Keynes Coroner's Court was told that paramedics discovered the body of 55-year-old cleaner Steven Rosario floating in the lake on January 21.

Mr Rosario had been staying at the Premier Inn in Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes, and was due to check out on January 20.

The hotel called police

expressing concern that he was missing and when officers entered his room they found a host of personal items, including his driving licence.

They also found an empty life jacket container and the note.

The court was told how Mr Rosario, who was single, was hoping to retire, sell his property and get a dingy and he had stayed in a number of hotels near lakes in the surrounding area.

CCTV images had shown him leaving the Premier Inn at 5.50pm on January 20 and when he was reported missing a police helicopter was

scrambled, which identified a body in a yellow life jacket in the lake.

Mr Rosario, of Poplar Avenue, Luton, was confirmed dead at 3.01pm on January 21 and was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where he was identified by a cousin.

Coroner Tom Osborne heard that police were satisfied no-one else was involved in Mr Rosario's death and that a post-mortem had been held.

Mr Osborne granted an interim death certificate at the court in Crownhill and set a date of May 20 for the full inquest to be heard.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Drugs raid arrests

TWO people were arrested after a drugs raid at a property in Fishermead Boulevard last Wednesday. A 29-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man were arrested for possession of a class A drug. Both have been bailed until March 8.

Community project

FIFTEEN Danish students will be visiting Stantonbury as part of a community engagement project. The 16 to 17-year-olds will be helping Community Action MK identify the area's issues while improving their English.

Chinese lanterns ban

CUSTOMERS will no longer be able to buy Chinese lanterns from Tesco. The supermarket giant banned them on Chinese New Year's Day on Friday following pressure from campaign groups.

MK is on the road to having electric taxis

ELECTRIC taxis could soon be on our roads after the Government announced it will be giving Milton Keynes Council £1,875,000 for more charging units.

The 50 'rapid charge' units are due to be introduced by mid-2015. They can charge a vehicle in 30 minutes or less,

meaning they could be used by taxis, as well as other motorists. Keith McLean, cabinet member for transport at the council, said: "These posts will appeal to electric car drivers and commercial users and we'll continue to work with partners on innovative transport schemes."

School expansion on agenda

AN EXPANSION of a school is due to be discussed at a planning meeting tomorrow.

The Radcliffe School in Wolverton hopes to demolish its existing gym and build a new indoor sports hall, sixth form suite and media centre.

The development control committee of Milton Keynes

Council is also due to look at an application to demolish the Days Inn Hotel at Newport Pagnell Services and build up to 60 homes and another hotel.

The meeting at the Civic Offices starts at 7pm.

To find out the decisions:
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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done

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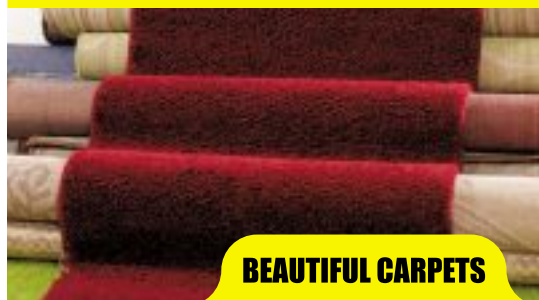
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Register: Students Bite the Ballot with Andrew Pakes

Campaign gets students' vote

MK COLLEGE students are urging more young people to vote.

They are supporting national campaign Bite the Ballot, which is being held today to encourage 16 to 24-year-olds to register to vote.

Andrew Pakes, MK South's Labour parliamentary candidate, said: "The only way the needs of the next generation will be taken seriously by politicians is if students get involved."

Geared up for a fight over track

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A ROW has erupted between Milton Keynes Council and The Parks Trust over the potential closure of a motocross track.

The trust owns Pineham Motocross – a 1.6km race track used by motorbikes that is situated just off the M1 near Willen and includes a number of big jumps and fast corners.

The site is licensed to motocross track company F-15MX.

Under current regulations the site is deemed as amenity parkland, but 28 days a year it can be used for motocross without planning permission.

But a meeting of the council's development control committee in September deemed that mounds on the track have resulted in a change of use of the site to a motorsports track.

As a result it was deemed that operations on the site were illegal and an enforcement notice was served by

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the council requiring the removal of the track and for the site to be restored back to parkland.

Briony Fox, head of community engagement for the trust, said: "We are appealing the decision and hope to have a hearing on the issue in July."

A council spokesman said: "An enforcement notice was served last November in respect of breach of planning controls at this site."

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Mascot squawking about competition

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OAP admits to 'mercy killing'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A 75-YEAR-OLD woman has pleaded guilty to murdering her husband – saying that it was an 'act of mercy'.

Sheila Sampford admitted strangling her terminally ill husband John, 83, as a result of a suicide pact.

The couple had been married for 50 years but Luton Crown Court heard on Friday that Mr Sampford was suffering with leukaemia when he

was found dead at their house in Spoonley Wood, Bancroft Park, on July 5 last year.

After Sampford entered her guilty plea to the charge of murdering her husband, Neil Moore, for the prosecution, said: "The issue that arises in this case is whether she believed this killing was an act of mercy."

John Price QC, defending, said: "The only matter is whether he asked her to do what she then did to him."

Judge Richard Foster said

that as Sampford had entered a guilty plea on the basis that the killing was an act of mercy, there would have to be a hearing next month to determine whether that was in fact the case.

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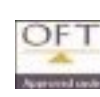


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'Let me keep dead husband's sperm'



Battle: Beth Warren outside court on Friday as she launched her legal bid

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A YOUNG widow has launched a High Court bid to stop her dead husband's frozen sperm being destroyed.

Beth Warren, 28, wants more time to decide whether to have IVF treatment using sperm from her husband Warren Brewer, which was frozen before he died of a brain tumour aged 32 in February 2012.

He made it clear his wife should be allowed to use it posthumously, but fertility watchdog the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has told Beth, from Newport Pagnell, that the sperm cannot be stored beyond April 2015.

Beth married Warren from Woburn Sands, who was a skiing instructor at Xscape,

just six weeks before his death in a service at Willen Hospice. She subsequently changed her surname to Warren.

On Friday the court heard that a change in regulations in 2009 meant Mr Brewer was entitled to request for his sperm to be stored for up to 55 years.

However, while he was offered an extension to maintain his samples, he was not told he could request his sperm be kept up until 2060.

Beth – who argued she was not emotionally, physically or practically ready to conceive – told MK NEWS: "I'm trying to stay as positive as I can as we have all done our very best. It's taken a lot out of me and while I won't give up it's not something I want to have to keep fighting."

Mrs Justice Hogg will make her final decision in a reserved judgement.

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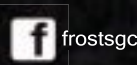
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New health centre finally opens doors

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A NEW £2.3million commu-
nity health centre which was
not able to open for three
months has finally wel-
comed its first patients.

As revealed by MK NEWS,
Wolverton Health Centre has
been trying to open its doors
since November last year but
has faced several problems.

A week before it was due to
open it lost its expected
£120,000 funding from NHS
Milton Keynes Clinical
Commissioning Group (CCG)
after it claimed it had no evi-
dence of an agreement with
the former NHS Primary Care
Trust.

The money was going to be
used to pay for chairs for the
patients and the centre
appealed to residents and
businesses to donate seats.

After the community united
to supply chairs, the centre
was told by NHS England that
legal guidelines and building
regulations meant it could
not open.

Problems were highlighted,
including an issue with the
lift, which is now fixed.



Celebrating: PPG members and patients with practice manager
Dr Shaeen Dalvi, middle, and Dr Saleem Mushtaq, second right

On Monday the old centre,
which had a leaking roof, was
finally closed and patients
moved to the new one.

Practice manager, Dr
Shaeen Dalvi, said: "The
patients and staff have been
waiting 11 years for this to
happen."

"We have been through
many hurdles but are very
happy that we are finally
working from the new prem-
ises. This new building will
allow expansion and the pro-

vision of new services for the
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surrounding areas."

Sarah Dockree, chairman of
Wolverton Health Centre's
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(PPG), added: "It's fantastic,
it's really spacious, bright and
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Patient Shirley Johnson, 69,
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Up for the challenge: Loughton councillor Peter Todd will be checking how much electricity he is using during the Less Is More scheme, which runs until December and offers a cash incentive for the most efficient community in the country

Plugged in for pilot

BY JAMES AVERILL

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RESIDENTS in the city have been selected to take part in a countrywide scheme that aims to cut the amount of electricity they use in their homes. Less is More is a pilot project trying to reduce 'peak electricity demands' by communities. Peak electricity demand happens when a lot of people connect to the same substation, usually at 5-8pm.

But substations – which distribute electricity to homes – are finding it hard to cope with the demand and are in constant need of upgrading.

Now substations in Loughton and Tinkers Bridge – along with ones in eight other communities across the country – will be monitored to analyse their usage.

And to make things a bit more competitive between communities, a cash incentive of up to £5,000 is on offer

for the one that improves the most. The project, which started on January 20 and runs until December 7, is being run by Western Power Distribution in partnership with the Knowlhill-based National Energy Foundation.

One person taking part is Peter Todd, chairman of Loughton Parish Council, who said: "I didn't know just how much electricity lights use up. It will be interesting to see the final results."

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Snowball Effect: Andy Evans speaking at the launch

Project to build a better community

AN ENTREPRENEUR has got the ball rolling on an ambitious project.

Andy Evans' Snowball Effect was launched on Friday at an event at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone, attended by more than 60 people including MK's mayor Brian White.

The project is encouraging people to be a charity volunteer or come up with an idea to benefit their community. Mr Evans said: "The charities all came away with half a dozen volunteers and I received community ideas too."

Police warning after fuel taken

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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POLICE have issued a warning to business owners after several company vehicles were targeted by thieves.

A compound in Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, was broken into last Monday at 9.29am.

Thieves broke into the fuel tanks of 18 vehicles and siphoned the liquid from them, causing damage in the process.

On Wednesday, January 22 a saloon car was stolen from Denmark Street, Bletchley, at 12.10pm.

The owner thought they had mislaid their keys the day before a thief was seen driving away in the car.

Detective Sergeant Matt Darnell said: "It's extremely important to follow crime prevention advice when it comes to vehicles, especially for those who have several in one place."

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Electric bus issues

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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'TEETHING troubles' have meant that five electric buses are still not running on the city's roads.

Eight buses were supposed to be running on Route 7 from Wolverton to Bletchley via the city centre by the end of last month.

However, operator Arriva has only been able to get three on the road following a launch on January 9, with the others not expected to be fully operational for another fortnight.

A spokesman for Arriva said: "There have been a few teething troubles, which are only to be expected with such new and innovative technology."

"The final few buses are on their way and so customers should see more of them on the road over the next couple of weeks."

MK NEWS spoke to some of the passengers who have been able to use the buses and the response has been very positive.

Disabled Howard Williams, 75, from Great Linford, said: "The electric bus is quiet,

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The electric buses are the first in the world to carry passengers for 17 hours a day, recharging at two points on the 15-mile route.

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David challenges dementia stigma



BY JAMES AVERILL
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A SON whose mother suffered with dementia has taken part in a discussion at the House of Lords about the stigma surrounding the disease.

David Read, 59, is a champion of Alzheimer's Research UK, having sadly seen his mother Janet succumb to the disease aged 83 in 2008.

And on Monday he headed down to Westminster to take part in evaluating why there remains a stigma attached to dementia and how it can be improved.

A 2012 investigation by The World Alzheimer's Report showed that 75 per cent of people with dementia and 64 per cent of carers surveyed said there are negative associations with hav-

ing dementia.

David, who is the chief executive of Prestige Purchasing, based at Stantonbury Park Offices in Great Linford, said: "When my mother was diagnosed people didn't know what to say to her or how to react. With this new label of 'Alzheimer's' my parents started to become isolated."

"Watching my mother slowly deteriorate and my father struggle to look after her was heart-breaking."

"A number of years have passed since my mother received her diagnosis but sadly the stigma still exists. I'm sure lack of public awareness and understanding play a big part in this."

It is expected a report will be released after the meeting on how to change people's views.

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Champion: David Read was 'delighted' to take part in the Westminster discussion

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New year, new race: Members of Age UK Milton Keynes celebrate the Chinese New Year with the launch of the Dragon Boat Festival at their Peartree Bridge head office

Enter the dragons!

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE 13th annual Dragon Boat Festival was launched with a splash of colour at Age UK Milton Keynes.

The event, the largest of its kind in the country, was launched to coincide with Chinese New Year on Friday at the charity's head office in Peartree Bridge.

More than 14,000 people regularly attend the yearly spectacle, held at Willen Lake.

And Age UK Milton Keynes has been named as the beneficiary for 2014 and it hopes to

raise enough money to cover the cost of operating its information and advice services to elderly people in the city – a figure nearing the £70,000 mark.

Jane Palmer, Age UK Milton Keynes' chief executive, said: "We get no external funding for this essential service. We support several thousand older people each year, helping to resolve a wide range of concerns and provide much-needed independent advice for free. Last year our advisors helped older people in Milton Keynes claim £1.5million in benefits that would otherwise

have gone unclaimed."

The race this year is being held on Sunday, June 22 and 60 teams are expected to take part in the festivities.

Merklyn Hauck is a director for organisers Gable Events.

He said: "We are usually full up for teams by Easter, so it is important people enter quickly as we operate on a first come, first served basis."

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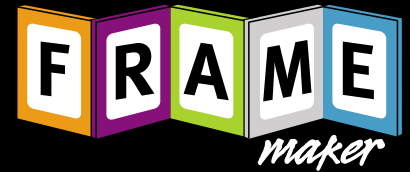
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BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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The majority of the day's themed events will be held in Club Red with activities starting from 1pm. A special half-time display will be put on by the MK Dons Ladies Team and city singer Emily Haig.

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Here come the girls: Mum and daughter enjoy previous ladies day

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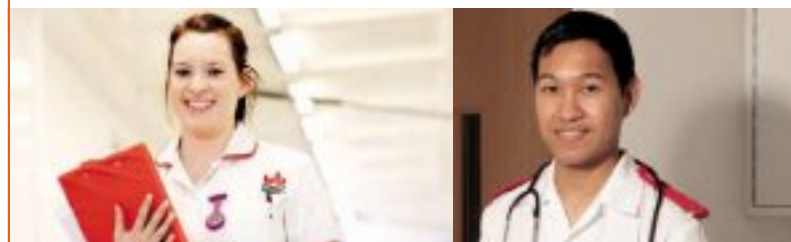
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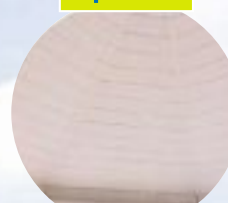
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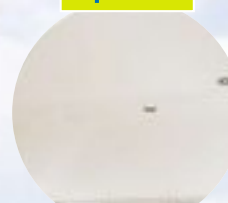
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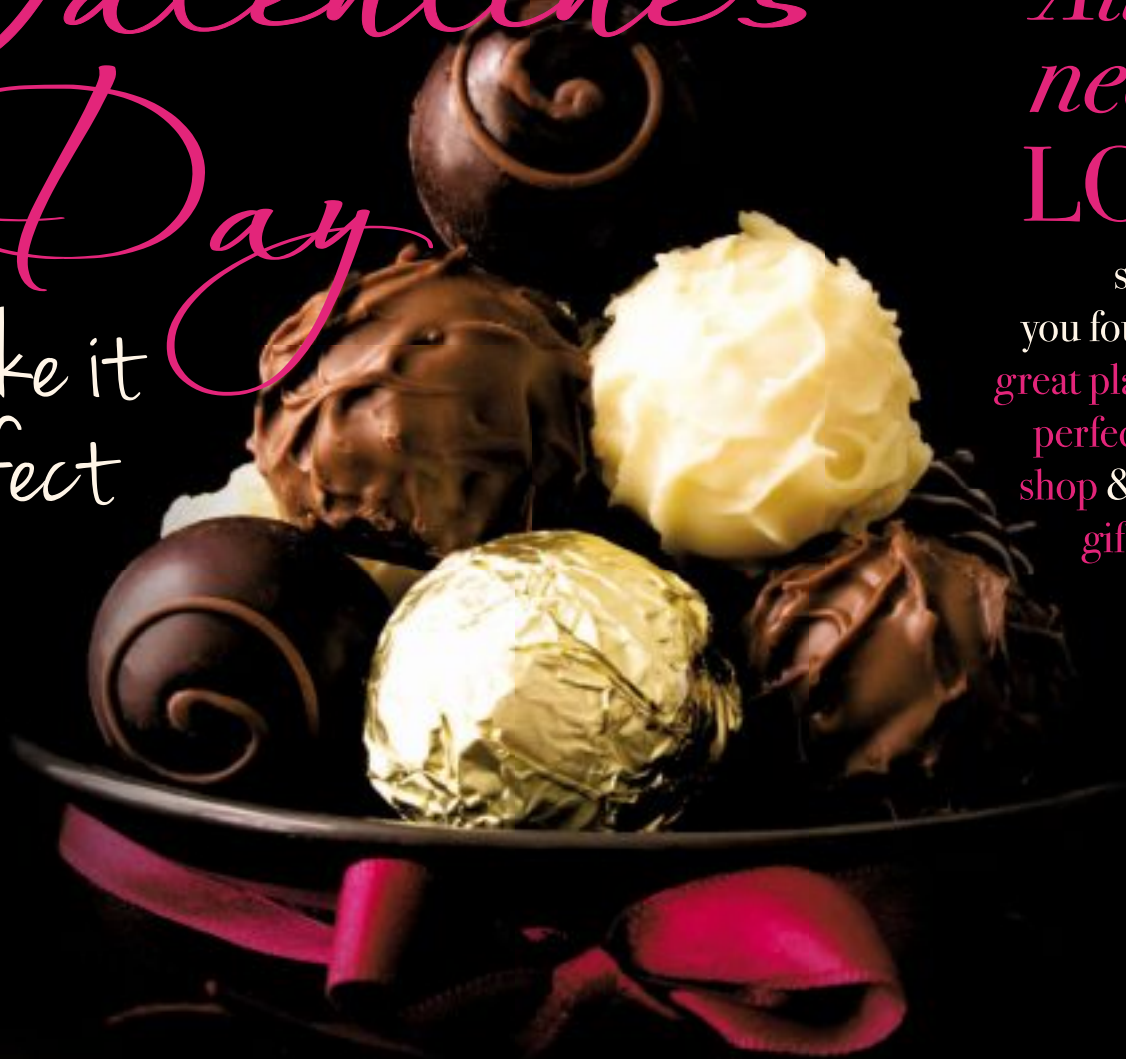


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60 jobs on offer at new steak joint

A NEW steakhouse will create 60 new jobs in its bid to 'beef up' the city's residents.

Middletons Steakhouse and Grill is due to open in Midsummer Boulevard, between the centre:mk and The Hub, on Friday, March 21.

The venue will offer a family-friendly dining experience with signature dishes and grills, including prime cut steaks and meats, fresh fish and lobster and vegetarian options.

Over the coming weeks the site, which was formerly home to the Royal Lido Chinese restaurant, will undergo a £1million renovation to turn it into the 150-seater steakhouse.

Director Stephen Hutton said: "Diners expect great variety and quality from Milton Keynes' culinary offering, which is why we've chosen to bring our signature steaks to the area."

"Our focus is on exceptional quality food and service and we look forward to replicating our success in Milton Keynes."

Kate Rankin, general manager of the restaurant, who lives in Woburn Sands, said: "I simply want to create a welcoming and happy team of hard working and enthusiastic people who have the right attitude."



A good yarn: Ana Sánchez-Fórner with some of the items she sells at The Wool Shop, which has received a Local Trading Hero Award

A woolly good prize for shop

A SHOP has won an award that was voted for by members of the public.

The Wool Shop has picked up the Local Trading Hero Award from Milton Keynes Council.

It was set up as part of Small Business Fortnight, which was held in December last year to support city companies.

Residents were encouraged to nominate a shop for the accolade and vote for their favourite.

Ana Sánchez-Fórner, who owns the shop in Olney's High Street that supplies wool and knitting materials, said: "The award has taken pride of place in my shop and I would like to say thank you to all who voted for me."

Every little helps in bid to promote healthier eating

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A SUPERMARKET has invited experts in nutrition to give free health tours in one of its stores to help customers make better food choices.

Every Tuesday and Thursday until February 27, qualified nutritionists will be offering tips and advice to shoppers in Tesco at the Kingston Centre to help kick-start their healthy regime.

The move comes after the supermarket joined forces with The NutriCentre,

which also has a store in Kingston.

"With so many conflicting food labels and messages, it can be hard to understand what we should be putting in our shopping baskets," said Shona Wilkinson, head nutritionist at The NutriCentre.

"With most looking to lose a few extra pounds at the beginning of the year, many people ask us where they should start."

"These tours will hopefully dispel the myths about what actually is good and bad for you and help people to kick-start their healthy eating regime."

The tours at 10.30am on Tuesdays and 6pm on Thursdays last for 30 minutes.

The nutritionist will take shoppers around the store, including areas like the fish counter and cereal aisles, explaining how different foods can help their health and how to read labels.

They will be held in groups of five and there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Ms Wilkinson added: "This is the first time we have ever done this and we are targeting everyone."

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"If the tours are a success we may encourage nutritionists from our NutriCentres to visit other stores."

"We are not keen on no fat or low fat diets as there are benefits of having fat, but there is no benefit of having extra sugars from things like cereals or ready meals, for example."

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Solicitors raise cash through Will Aid

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Seminar on access to finance for SMEs

A FREE seminar will discuss how SMEs can get access to finance. Organised by Kingston Smith and Biztech, it takes place at University Campus Milton Keynes (UCMK) on February 13 from 4.30-7pm. The seminar will explore the criteria and processes that banks apply when considering applications for finance by SMEs. Places are free but please pre-register for this event at www.biztech.org.uk as spaces are limited and it is expected to be very popular.

Companies hail the MK Job Show

A NUMBER of businesses who held stalls at the MK Job Show on January 25 have praised the turnout and calibre of potential employees. The show – for which MK NEWS and MKWeb were media sponsors – was held in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk. Amanda Pick, of Volkswagen Financial Services, said there was 'a rich variety of candidates', while Gillian Ellis, of Countrywide Plc, was 'following up on the huge amount of CVs and enquiries'.

Chamber's survey reveals businesses 'positive' for 2014

BY JAMES AVERILL

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BUSINESSES in Milton Keynes are feeling positive about the year ahead – with more firms showing confidence and recruiting more employees.

That is the verdict according to the first published Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) by Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce.

The QES contains responses from 41 businesses – employing 3,601 people – about their performance and experience in the last quarter of 2013.

Paul Griffiths, chief executive of Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, said: "The survey gives a positive picture overall and highlights the fact that businesses are entering the new year with

renewed optimism.

"Confidence is high and companies, particularly those in the service sector, are now more willing to recruit and invest, leading to growth. It illustrates Milton Keynes companies are playing their part in helping the economy to recover."

"However the Government needs to ensure businesses have access to cash-flow and introduce business-friendly initiatives if companies are to expand and truly succeed."

The survey was conducted via electronic questionnaire from

November 11 to December 2.

It shows 88 per cent of manufacturers expect turnover to improve and the same figure expect profitability to rise or stay the same in 2014.

Within the service sector 91 per cent of respondents expect turnover to improve and 76 per cent expect profitability to get better over the coming year.

More than 85 per cent of all firms tried to recruit new employees during the quarter (up from 55 per cent on the third quarter) with 100 per cent of manufacturing and 79 per cent of service opportunities being for full-time jobs.



SURVEY AT A GLANCE

- 41 local firms took part in the survey.
- 88 per cent of manufacturers expect turnover to improve and the same figure are expecting profitability to improve or stay the same in 2014.
- In the service sector 91 per cent of respondents expect turnover to improve and 76 per cent expect profitability to get better.
- 91 per cent of service firms were anticipating their workforce to increase or stay the same in the first quarter of 2014.
- 50 per cent of manufacturing respondent's UK sales over the last three months had increased – with no firms reporting a fall.
- 75 per cent of manufacturers export sales reported an increase during the fourth quarter of 2013, although this figure was down compared to the comparable third quarter result of 86 per cent.
- 75 per cent of service firms were reporting an increase in export sales over the last three months (up from 69 per cent last quarter).
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Last year's winner Rebecca

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Top gear: Some of the new and used cars on display at the Vauxhall showroom in Elmswell Gate

Revved up after new showroom opens

A CAR manufacturer has opened its new state-of-the-art showroom.

Thurlo Nunn Vauxhall in Elmswell Gate has created

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Export help welcomed

A FINANCIAL and business advisor has welcomed a government pledge to help medium sized companies improve their export performance.

Trade Minister Lord Ian Livingston announced in January that every one of the UK's 8,900 mid-sized businesses will be offered tailored trade advice through a new support programme to help them export and break into new markets.

Kevin Gale, practice leader at Grant Thornton's Milton Keynes office said: "We are in full support of the announcement by Lord Livingston.

"Supporting these firms to expand beyond domestic markets will play a vital role in recovery prospects and long-term health in the UK."

By this summer, all UK mid-sized businesses will have received a personal letter from Lord Livingston outlining the opportunity to take up support from UK Trade and Investment (UKTI).

Currently mid-sized firms represent just 0.5 per cent of all UK businesses, but provide 20 per cent of employment and turnover.

But only 17 per cent of these companies currently generate revenues outside the EU, compared to 30 per cent in Italy.

Takeaway or eat in: Paul Krol is a waiter at Chopstix, which is offering something new to busy workers and shoppers in the city



Noodles rice and all things nice

A NEW noodle bar is bringing a taste of the Orient to a shopping centre.

Chopstix offers a mix of freshly prepared rice or noodles with a selection of more than 12 toppings from hot and spicy Malaysian chicken to Thai style chicken.

The restaurant and takeaway in Midsummer Place said it brings 'an element of theatre' as its chefs cook the food in front of customers to ensure each dish is fresh.

In the first three weeks of opening it welcomed 10,000 visitors and served

more than 6,000 cartons of noodles and 4,000 of rice.

Area manager Kris Kmita said: "We are very pleased so far.

"Chopstix is perfect for people looking to grab a bite to eat or take a carton back to their office desk."

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Drive-thru for coffee lovers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A COFFEE giant has been given the green light to build the city's first drive-thru for motorists looking for a caffeine fix.

The Starbucks Coffee Company UK will be opening a coffee shop and drive-thru at The Place retail park opposite Network Rail's headquarters and near Milton Keynes Central railway station.

Its plans for the store, which will employ 25 people, including four Starbucks apprentices, have been approved by Milton Keynes Council.

James Goodliffe, head of real estate at Starbucks UK, said: "We're delighted to be opening a Starbucks drive-thru at such a prominent retail location in Milton Keynes. As well as bringing exciting new employment opportunities to the area, The Place is the perfect location

for a Starbucks drive-thru and we're looking forward to serving the park's shoppers, employees and commuters.

"We are committed to opening more drive-thru sites across the UK, giving our customers the choice for great coffee on the go through the drive-thru lane, or a welcoming store environment to drink in."

Share your views on this: www.mkweb.co.uk

Awarded for tourist work

A BUSINESS founder has been recognised for his services to tourism and support of the area's official tourism and information provider.

Nicholas Mann, founder and managing director of full service agency Interdirect, has received a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and dedication from Destination MK.

Interdirect has supported Destination MK since it was set up and most recently



Honoured: Interdirect's MD Nicholas Mann with his certificate

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Mr Mann said: "Interdirect takes pride in investing in the

communities in which we live and work, so to be recognised for this is an honour."

IS YOUR PENSION PERFORMING BADLY? IF SO, READ ON

I recently had a meeting with a client during which he revealed that he and his wife had invested some of their savings with a well known building society. He wasn't exactly sure what they'd invested in other than that it was a combination of a cash savings account and a stockmarket investment using their ISA allowances.

This led us into a discussion about their attitudes to investment risk. Because his wife only wanted low risk investments the adviser recommended a portfolio with a large proportion of it invested in fixed interest stocks i.e. corporate bonds and government securities. My client is in fact a medium risk investor whereas his wife is a low risk investor.

Whilst traditionally fixed interest stocks have been recognised as low risk investments this is no longer the case. Why is this? Well the value of such investments generally rises and falls in line with interest rates. What we've experienced over the last few years is an unprecedented period of extremely low interest rates due to the financial crisis of 2008 and its hangover since then. During the period when interest rates fell from 5%-6% to 0.5% the value of fixed interest securities rose.



Tony Byrne
Chartered and Certified
Financial Planner
Author of Wealth Magic

However, interest rates will not remain at this low level over the long term. At some stage in the next 2-3 years commentators believe interest rates will rise probably back to the levels they were before the financial crisis. This means that the value of fixed interest securities will fall. In fact it has been forecast that the overall annual returns on this type of investment are likely to be 2% p.a. for the next 10 years. This is because such investments produce an income return in the form of interest as well as a capital gain or loss.

In addition to his inflation is likely to return with a vengeance due to the government printing money which is euphemistically known as quantitative easing.

In a period when inflation and interest rates are rising you need to be invested in real assets i.e. shares and property because these are the only investments capable of matching or beating inflation.

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Limehouse Lizzy to perform hits of rock legends

IT'S often a cliché when it comes to tribute bands to say it's 'just like watching the real thing'.

But when it comes to Limehouse Lizzy it's a cliché that is fully justified in its use – it really is like watching the Thin Lizzy boys right before your eyes.

Frontman Wayne Ellis, above, is a truly amazing artist when it comes to filling the place of the legendary Phil Lynott, and is even a Leo like the real Irish rocker. It must be a sign!

Greg Alcock (who was a guitar tech for real life band member Brian Robertson) and Tim Read

show fantastic skill in replicating Lizzy's trademark twin guitar sound, while the man at the back, Lee Morris, keeps the rhythm ticking over.

The show isn't just centred on their impeccable versions of massive tunes like Whiskey In the Jar and Bad Reputation – the amount of energy on display is sure to sweep

you off your feet as you sing along to the greatest hits until your voice is hoarse.

Limehouse Lizzy will be playing at The Stables tomorrow at 8pm.

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Out and about
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religion romp

FOLLOWING the sell-out success of their 2013 UK Tour the three cultural guerrillas of The Reduced Shakespeare Company set their reductive sights on the good book with **The Bible: The Complete Word**

of God (abridged).

Join the affectionate, irreverent roller coaster ride from fig leaves to Final Judgment as the The Bad Boys of Abridgement tackle the great theological questions: Did Adam and Eve have navels? Did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? And why isn't the word 'pho-netic' spelt the way it sounds?

Whether you are Catholic or Atheist, Muslim or Jew, Protestant or Jedi, you will be tickled by this romp through old time religion.

Tickets for the show, on Friday from 7.30pm, cost £16 and £14 for concessions.

To buy yours call the box office on 01908 324466 or visit www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk



Casting their spell over MK: Glinda the Good, left, and the Wicked Witch of the West

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wickedprize

WICKED flew into the city yesterday and to celebrate **MK LIFE** has teamed up with **Milton Keynes Theatre** to offer one lucky reader a magical prize.

The musical tells the untold story of the friendship between two

sorcery students and how their adventures in Oz saw them fulfil their destinies as Glinda the Good and The Wicked Witch of the West.

But have you ever wondered how the witches' dresses are made? Glinda's bubble dress

boasts 20 different types of sequin with almost 100,000 used on 45 petals, which take three days each to bead.

But could you design something even better? We are asking four to 15-year-olds to design a dress for one of the witches – and the winner will be picked by the theatre.

They will receive a bunch of signed Wicked merchandise, a family sledding session for up to four people at Snozone and icecream for four at Giovanni's Downtown Gelato in thecentre.mk.

(N.B. The sledding excludes February half-term and Easter holidays and is valid until May 31, 2014)

To enter send your design, name, address and daytime telephone number to **MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU**. Alternatively email it to editor@mk-news.co.uk. The deadline is noon on Wednesday, February 19. The editor's decision is final

girlsrock

ALL Girls Rock will be launching its first event with stylist and TV presenter **Alka Makwana**.

It will include special demonstrations in fashion, hair and beauty. The organisation has been set up to help girls aged 13-25 deal with self worth, education and career ambitions.

Tickets for the girls only event, taking place on Saturday at 3 St Leger Court, Great Linford, from 6-9pm, cost £5 on the door. VIP tickets, including front row seats and drinks reception, cost £10 at desiresimage@hotmail.co.uk



radiofun

RADIO One's Tom Deacon and musical comedians Jonny and the Baptists will be among the performers at The Comedy Cow.

The musicians headline the bill and since forming just two years ago they have rapidly risen up the UK comedy ranks.

In 2013 they were nominated for the New Act of the Year Awards, Musical Comedy Awards and Amused Moose Edinburgh Comedy Award and have been named musical comedy's rising stars by the Sunday

Times and in the Top 10 UK Comedy Talents to watch by the Independent on Sunday.

Deacon presents his own show on Radio One on Sunday from 7-9 pm, and he has a wealth of comedy experience, appearing on the Rob Brydon Show and winning the 2007 Chortle Student Comedian Award.

Since then he's played sell-out

crowds at Edinburgh Festival, among others.

Three other acts – Nick Page, Njambi McGrath and Jake Lambert – round off the night.

The gig, suitable for those aged 18 and over, will be at the Red Dot Bar, DoubleTree Hilton, stadiummk, on Friday, February 21 at 8.15pm.

Tickets cost

£8 for regulars and £10 for others at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-comedy-cow



WIN
a three-course meal and a glass of bubbly

freemeal

AT THE end of a long hard working day, sometimes it makes a nice change to head out into the city and have someone do the cooking for you.

And at Silk Road restaurant, in Grafton Gate, that someone else happens to be the award-winning chef Saj Khan.

The Silk Road restaurant – which specialises in Indian, Chinese and Thai dishes – hosts regular events, including monthly live music nights, which offer an evening of great entertainment and even better food.

Customers can also book to take part in a cocktail master class; learning how to create The Silk Road's signature drinks.

And they also have a very important day covered that's coming up soon.

On Friday, February 14 there is a very special Valentine's menu offering the very finest oriental dishes, mastered by the talented chefs in the kitchen. You can treat that special someone to a three-course meal and a glass of bubbly for just £24.95.

But while these offers are all great, wouldn't it be even better to win you and a partner or friend



a meal out on the house?

MK Life has teamed up with The Silk Road to offer four readers a three-course meal for two and a glass of bubbly.

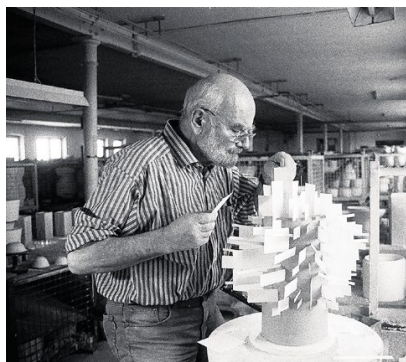
To be in with a chance of winning this delectable prize, just answer the following question:

The Silk Road specialises in what type of cuisine?

- A. Sushi**
B. Mexican
C. Indian, Chinese and Thai

The prize is valid any day except February 14, 2014, and must be used by May 31, 2014. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

To enter visit www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions. You can also send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, February 12. The editor's decision is final



porcelainsound

THURSDAY Scratch Night at MK Gallery sees Tobias Stürmer's Porcelain Music project coming to the city.

In a unique performance, a variety of musical instruments will be played by Stürmer, which are processed using a series of electronic resonant filters modelled on porcelain objects.

Musicians Akashamitra and Tom Mudd then use a variety of methods to work with this sound electronically to produce recordings, creating a backdrop of sonic washes and textures. The free event takes place tomorrow at 7pm. Donations are welcome.



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Sat 22 Feb
DISCOVER: DRAWING THE LANDSCAPE
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MKlife

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Night In



IN HIS latest column for MK LIFE, Woburn Safari Park ranger Bob Streatfield talks about how the venue's meerkat mob are settling in at the new Desert Springs enclosure

WE'VE put together a special new VIP experience for visitors this year.

In the new walk through enclosure, Desert Springs,

there is an adorable mob of meerkats, a family of yellow mongoose and pair of prickly porcupines.

The meerkats enjoy a diet of small prey, such as mice, a selection of fruit and their favourites; crickets and mealworms! Guests will be able to get up close and help feed them their dinner – they are a cheeky bunch and they can't wait to meet you!

Desert Springs is designed

to mimic their natural habitat and the meerkats have made the enclosure their own. They command lookout posts on the tops of the specially designed termite mounds. Plus they spend hours digging in the sand and marking their territory; making it clear where they live.

With warm rocks to lounge around on all day, the mob is probably coping with the recent weather better than their keepers are!

movie review

AFTER his success in the Star Trek films, Chris Pine crashes back to earth with a bump in the mediocre and often predictable Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit.

Tom Clancy's CIA recruit Jack Ryan returns in this fifth revamp directed by Kenneth Branagh set in the present day. The story follows young Jack from 9/11 through to his time in the Financial Intelligence Unit as an analyst where he uncovers a terrorist plot to destroy the United States economy.

Keira Knightley as his oblivious fiancée Cathy is thrown in as the typical damsel in distress as Ryan frantically tries to save both her life and their relationship. The premise is tiresome with too much precious screen time dedicated to their banter. Kevin Costner is like-



able as Ryan's gruff mentor as he plods dutifully through his cliché role, which is one of the few saving graces of the film.

It does provide the occasional moment to get your heart racing with gun fights and intense car chases but sadly

they are few and far between. It's a real mash up of past spy thrillers and the predictable plot makes for unremarkable viewing. It's an entertaining watch but Jack Ryan fades into the shadows a little too easily.

★★★★★ Rachael West

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supersherlock

SHERLOCK is a brilliant modern day twist of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective which provides fascinating parallels to

the original stories.

Sherlock fans no doubt squealed with delight at the loyal references dotted through the series by writers Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat.

Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Sherlock Holmes who soon

meets Dr John Watson (Martin Freeman) as he begins to investigate a string of impossible suicides that have Scotland Yard baffled.

The extraordinarily smart dialogue is delivered at a rapid pace that echoes the original as the writers pull off a great feat of British television.

The first series has it all from deadly cryptic symbols to modern day threats from suicide bombers. The whole series snaps with superb writing, precision acting and clever direction in a modern setting, while still remaining faithful to the original stories.

It's the third and final episode that really takes off as Holmes faces his nemesis Moriarty, played by Andrew Scott, with well timed mood swings and an insane persona, that makes for some tense viewing. The episode ends abruptly with Sherlock and Moriarty in a deadly standoff...roll on season two!

Rachael West



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DAVE Ellis and Boo Howard arrive in the city on Friday.

With Dave's intricate guitar work and Boo's mellow vocals, the imaginative musicians create something very different. From folk and jazz to blues and bluegrass, their songs are intelligently constructed, elegantly articulated and never less than entertaining.

The show at the Song Loft in Stony Stratford starts at 8.15pm and tickets cost £7 on the door or from songloft@googlemail.com



seanhughes

PERRIER Award-winning comedian Sean Hughes brings his new tour Penguins to The Stables on Friday.

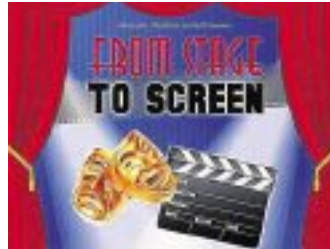
The Irish comedian's show is full of surprises, exploring his upbringing in Dublin and teenage awkwardness. What does the show have to do with penguins? You'll have to turn up to find out! Tickets for the 8pm show cost £16 from www.stables.org or 01908 280800.

moviemusic

MAGNETIC Theatre's inaugural production, From Stage to Screen, will be coming to The Chrysalis on Saturday for one day only.

Bona fide West End performers celebrate the songs from well-known movie musicals. With top class singing, and fabulous music, you're guaranteed to be humming all the way home.

Tickets for the performances at 3pm and 7pm cost £12 (£10 for concessions) from 0844 8700 887.



fridayfilm

AUDIENCES will be moved by this chilling documentary with former members of Indonesian death squads.

Produced by Wener Herzog, Errol Morris and André Singer, the squad are challenged to re-enact some of their murders in the style of their favourite American movies.

The Act of Killing is this week's Friday Night Film at MK Gallery at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 (£3 concessions). To pre-book call 01908 676900.



MK Gallery



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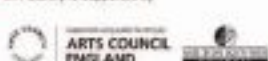
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PROPERTYNEWS

Wednesday, February 5, 2014



Loughton

TAYLORS Executive Homes is delighted to offer for sale this very well presented four-bedroom detached property located in a quiet cul-de-sac within the sought after village of Loughton.

Within walking distance to Milton Keynes Central train station and local amenities, this lovely home must be viewed to appreciate all it has to offer. Owned from new by the current owners and benefitting

from recently refurbished kitchen, family bathroom and en-suite to the master bedroom, there is also a private rear garden, driveway and double garage. Set over two floors, the accommodation briefly

comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study and front garden. To arrange a viewing of the property, on the market for £450,000, call 01908 240981.

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- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
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- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Cul-de-Sac Location

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furzton. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

£665,000



Medbourne

- Detached Executive Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage
- Attractive Gardens

An enviably located detached executive property situated in the highly desirable location of Medbourne. This family home boasts a wealth of accommodation including four double bedrooms and two en-suite bathrooms.

£455,000



Loughton

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted En-Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Garage

A very well presented four bedroom detached property located in a quiet cul-de-sac within the sought after village of Loughton. An internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this lovely family home.

£450,000



Bletchley

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Double Garage

A five bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac location. This family property in brief offers lounge, dining room, family room, conservatory and kitchen/breakfast room.

£375,000



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Moulsoe

- Beautiful Thatched Cottage
- Village Location
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- Period Charm with Modern Facilities
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Mains Drainage

Wonderfully presented four/five bedroom character thatched cottage situated on a plot of approximately 0.5 an acre, set well back from Cranfield Road in the highly sought after village of Moulsoe, close to Milton Keynes with excellent travel links to London.

£950,000



Water Eaton

- Grade II Listed Converted Watermill
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Double Garage

An exceptional Grade II Listed converted watermill dating back to the 1700's situated within a stunning plot of around 0.75 of an acre. There is countryside out to the side and rear towards and beyond the Great River Ouzel and the Grand Union Canal.

£875,000



Sherington

- 300 Year Old Barn Conversion
- Two En-Suites
- Half Acre Garden
- Four Bedrooms
- Self Contained Annexe
- Double Garage

Delightful 300 year old barn conversion with half an acre garden and a detached annexe in the highly sought after location of Sherington Bridge. Formally part of the Chicheley Estate the Barn retains many of its original features and has been developed to a high standard.

£690,000



Woolstone

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Garden

This four bedroom detached executive residence is situated in a cul-de-sac location. The property comprises; a lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom and two conservatories.

£500,000



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EPC D

Downhead Park

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

A unique opportunity to purchase this South facing residence situated on a corner plot designed by Edward Cullinan Architects. With versatile accommodation over four levels this property boasts a substantial lounge with high ceilings looking up to galleried family room.

£650,000



EPC C

Monkston Park

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen with Granite Worktops
- Solid Oak Floors
- Large Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage

An outstanding five bedroom detached property situated in a private road in the desirable Monkston Park. This property has been built to a high specification and benefits from central heating and double glazing.

£600,000



EPC D

Old Farm Park

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Two En-Suites
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Sought After Location
- Good School Catchment Area

A five bedroom detached property in the popular location of Old Farm Park that has been maintained to a very high standard by the current owners and located in a cul-de-sac with views over the green to the front.

£525,000



EPC D

Caldecotte

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Double Garage
- Off Road Parking

An exceptional four bedroom detached family property in the popular residential area of Caldecotte. Situated within close proximity of Caldecotte Lake this well presented property is in catchment for the highly regarded Walton High school.

£500,000





Loughton £399,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage



EPC C



Loughton £375,000

- Detached Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage



EPC C



Two Mile Ash £349,950

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garage



EPC D



Willen £325,000

- Four Bedroom Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Sought After Location



Awaiting EPC



Newton Leys £250,000

- Five Bedroom Townhouse
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bathrooms
- Car Port
- Double Glazed



EPC C



Broughton £245,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garage



EPC B



Ashfield £220,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage



EPC D



Broughton £210,000

- Spacious House
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- Off Road Parking



Awaiting EPC

WANTED

Mr & Mrs C are looking for a four bedroom property in Shenley Brook End. Can you help?



Middleton £380,000

- Detached Property/Villa
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



Springfield £350,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite to Master

WANTED

Mr S is looking for a three bedroom property in Giffard Park. Can you help?



Grange Farm £330,000

- Four Bedroom Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Off Road Parking



Emerson Valley £325,000

- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility Room



Pennyland £325,000

- Four Bedroom Property/Villa
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Mooring Rights
- Off Road Parking



Newton Leys £325,000

- Four Bedroom Property
- Living Room & Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Garage



Simpson £265,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



Oldbrook £210,000

- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



Heelands £200,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Off Road Parking



Milton Keynes £215,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Sought After Location
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

WANTED

Mrs J is looking for a three bedroom property in Bolbeck Park. Can you help?



Stantonbury £195,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking



Fishermead £150,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Gardens
- Driveway & Parking

WANTED

Miss B is looking for a two bedroom property in Bradwell Common. Can you help?



Oakridge Park

- Semi Detached Family Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Dual Aspect Lounge
- Dining Room

- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Rear & Side Gardens
- Garage

£289,995

EPC E



Stacey Bushes

£125,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Lounge & Dining Room
- Allocated Parking
- No Onward Chain



SSTC

Awaiting EPC



Bradville

£160,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain



SSTC

Awaiting EPC



Marina Drive

£215,000

- Three Bedrooms Semi Detached House
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Detached Single Garage
- Rear Garden



WANTED

Qualified family with no onward chain, urgently looking for three/ four bedroom properties in Hodge Lea area. Can you help?

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Boyce Crescent £410,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Study
- Kitchen & Utility Room

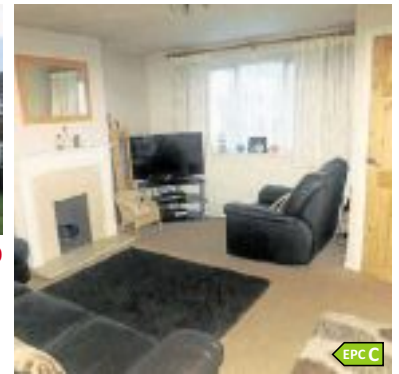


EPC D



Kennet Drive £155,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- One Bathroom
- Double Glazing



EPC C



Sutherland Grove £295,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Living Room
- Self Contained Annexe
- Walking Distance to Amenities



Awaiting EPC



St. Helens Grove £250,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Lounge & Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master
- Gardens & Ample Parking

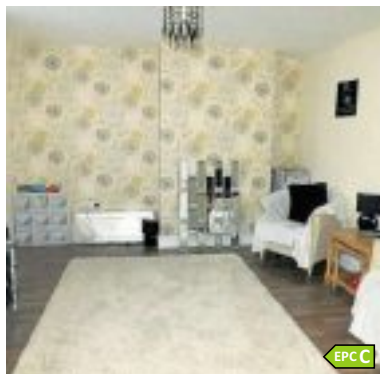


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Forfar Drive £195,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Close to Amenities



EPC C



Homerton Street £162,500

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Balcony & En-Suite
- Allocated Parking

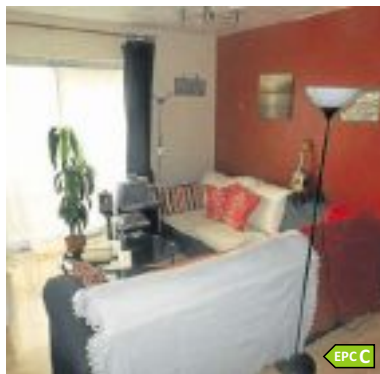


EPC C



Britten Grove £42,000

- Upper Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Balcony
- Shared Ownership

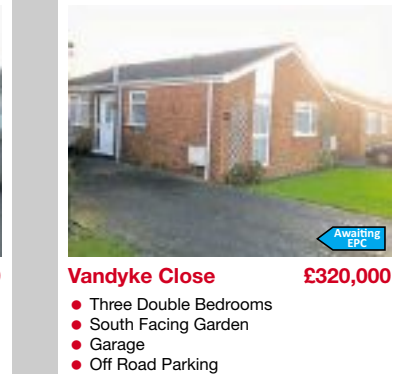


EPC C



Kemsley Crescent £360,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking



Vandyke Close £320,000

- Three Double Bedrooms
- South Facing Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Awaiting EPC



Beddoes Croft £455,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Driveway



Awaiting EPC



Nymans Gate £379,995

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking



EPC C



Bogart Place £360,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Three En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens

EPC C



Highmore Croft £350,000

- Four Bedroom House
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Study & Dining Room
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen



EPC C



Shenley Brook End £154,950

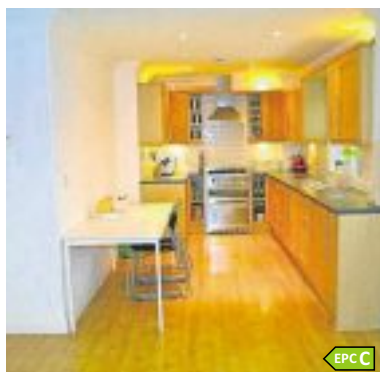
- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Gardens

EPC C



Ayrton Close £215,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two En-Suites
- Excellent Condition

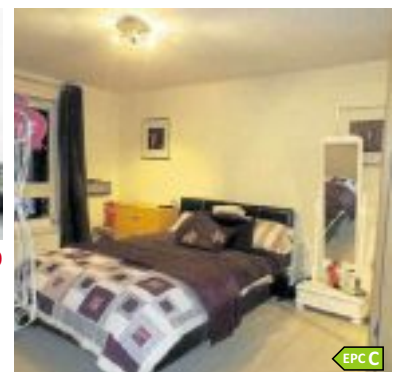


EPC C



Oxley Park £200,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Balcony
- Private Parking



EPC C

WANTED!

Mr M is looking for property in the west of Milton Keynes.

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Nymans Gate £379,995

- Five Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking

EPC C



Stapeley Court £37,500

- Shared Ownership
- Upper Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- No Chain

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Haversham £325,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Single Garage



EPC E



Deanshanger £267,500

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Parking



EPC B



EPC B



Old Stratford

- Detached Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Family Bathroom



- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Dining Area
- Utility Room

£250,000



Deanshanger £190,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- No Onward Chain



EPC D



Stony Stratford £190,000

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Beautifully Decorated



Awaiting EPC



Two Mile Ash £165,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Garden
- Garage



EPC D

WANTED

Taylors Stony Stratford need more properties in Two Mile Ash for waiting buyers!
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EPC D



Newport Pagnell **£355,000**

Four bedroom detached family home in the sought after road of Flora Thompson Drive on the poets. The property benefits from a private location, remote double garage, en-suite and conservatory.



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Haversham **£325,000**

A beautiful, unique stone built bungalow boasting fantastic views over open fields to the rear. The property is within catchment and just a short walk to Haversham Village school.



EPC C



Giffard Park **£299,995**

We are proud to offer this five bedroom beautiful family home situated in a quite cul-de-sac with close walks to the canal and local amenities.



EPC D



Newport Pagnell **£275,000**

We are delighted to offer this beautiful three bedroom semi detached property situated in the sought after Lakes Lane. The property comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, driveway & garage.



EPC D



Newport Pagnell **£230,000**

An extended four bedroom semi detached house in the ever popular Rivers Estate of Newport Pagnell. The property offers a brilliant project for any families or investors looking for an affordable family home.



SOLD

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Newport Pagnell **£230,000**

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PUBLIC NOTICE



EPC C

99 Tanfield Lane, Broughton, MK10 9NJ. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £109,950. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

GREAT LINFORD

£119,995



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EPC E

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EPC D

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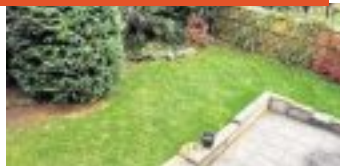
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NEW

EPC AWAITED

A stunning detached home immaculately presented on a larger than average plot. Located on the west side of Milton Keynes the property has the added benefits of four double bedrooms, two with en suite, a detached double garage and large driveway.

Grange Farm**£489,995**

EPC E

Freefolk Cottage is a Grade II listed thatched cottage that offers charm and is situated upon approximately 0.72 acres. Approached by a sweeping driveway the cottage provides ample accommodation and is set within delightful wrap around gardens.

Bletchley**£546,500**

NEW

EPC D

This property makes a great family home and viewing is essential to avoid disappointment. Offered in excellent condition throughout, located in a cul-de-sac with two reception rooms, conservatory, four bedrooms and en-suite to add to the list.

Caldecotte**£329,999**

EPC C

- Town House
- End Of Terrace
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner

- Cloakroom
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- No Above Chain

Westcroft**£189,950**

NEW

EPC C

- 50% Share
- Ground Floor
- 2 Bedrooms
- Open Plan

- Secure Entry
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Well Presented

Medbourne**£67,500****PUBLIC NOTICE**

82 Cruickshank Grove, Crownhill, Milton Keynes MK8 0HG.
 We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £320,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC Rating D.



NEW

EPC AWAITED

- Town House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge

- Fire Doors
- Fire System
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Fishermead**£165,000**

NEW

EPC D

- Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen

- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Garage

'The Rivers' West Bletchley**£234,995**

EPC D

A large five bedroom detached home in a sought after location. Comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, study, dining room, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, four further bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and double garage.

Westcroft**£395,000**

NEW

EPC C

Newly refurbished throughout to a high specification. This four bedroom detached house is situated on a generous sized plot and set over three floors. Arrange your viewing today to see for yourself. Offered for sale with no above chain.

Monkston**£385,000**

EPC C

Ideal house if you have visiting guests or a teenager that needs their own space. This five bedroom detached house includes a self contained one bedroom annexe. The property is offered in excellent condition throughout with well maintained gardens.

Bancroft**OIEO £375,000**

EPC E

- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen Appliances

- Lounge
- Double Glazed
- Well Presented
- FEES APPLY

Stantonbury**pcm £695**

EPC C

- Maisonette
- 2 Bedrooms
- Kitchen Appliances
- Lounge/Diner

- Close Proximity To Central Milton Keynes & Mainline Train Station
- FEES APPLY

Bradwell Common**pcm £700**

NEW PRICE

EPC C

- Mews House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Downstairs Cloak

- Open Plan
- Allocated Parking
- Spacious
- FEES APPLY

New Bradwell**pcm £795**

EPC B

- Central Location
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan
- Balcony

- Kitchen Appliances
- Garage
- Secure Entrance
- FEES APPLY

Central Milton Keynes**pcm £850**

EPC C

- Reduced Admin Fee.
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner

- En-Suite
- Garage
- Utility Area
- FEES APPLY

Walnut Tree**pcm £1,250**

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SHENLEY BROOK END O.I.E.O £459,950

- Detached home
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Cloakroom
- Utility room
- En-suite to master
- Rear garden
- Double garage
- Annexe
- Much improved
- Call now to view



WOLVERTON

£184,950

- Character Victorian family home
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted upstairs bathroom
- Separate lounge
- Separate dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Gas to radiator central heating
- Open fireplace
- Rear garden
- Garage to rear
- Excellent condition throughout
- Potentially no chain



WOUGHTON ON THE GREEN O.I.E.O £475,000

- Semi detached family home
- Four bedrooms
- En suite to master
- Kitchen
- Separate lounge
- Dining rooms
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- South facing garden
- Detached double



GRANGE FARM

£489,995

- Detached executive family home
- Five bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Family room
- Separate study
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Separate lounge
- En-suite to master & guest bedrooms
- Four further double bedrooms
- Double garage with gated access
- Cul-de-sac location
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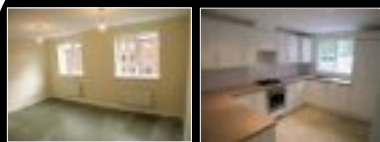
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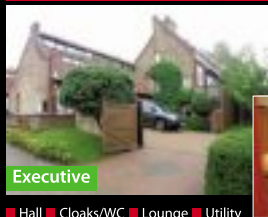
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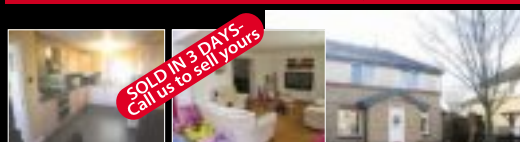
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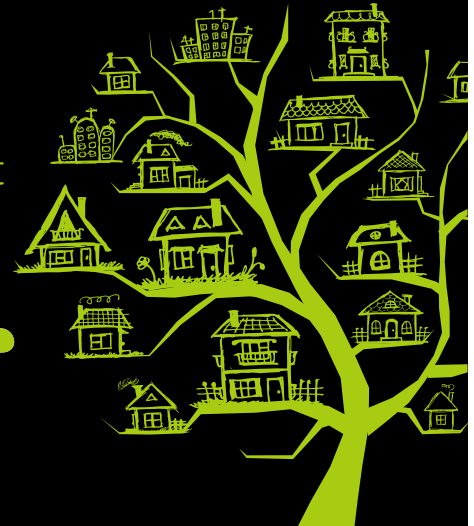
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Telephone: 01525 404462

NOR: 1,400 (420 Sixth Form) 13 - 18 Mixed Comprehensive

MATHEMATICS TEACHER

Required for September, 2014

A Mathematics Teacher is required for September, 2014; ability to teach 'A' Level Mathematics will be an advantage but not essential. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers.

GERMAN TEACHER WITH FRENCH

Required for September, 2014

A Teacher is required for September, 2014 to teach German and some French. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers.

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For both the above positions applications from NQTs or experienced teachers are welcome.

The Maths and MFL results at Redborne are consistently very good and we are always striving to improve.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

A laptop computer will be loaned to the successful candidate. The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Tuesday 11th February, 2014

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To receive an application pack, for further information or to arrange a visit please call 01908 395681 or e-mail generalenquiries@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

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Closing date for applications: Noon on Monday 10th February 2014.
Interviews: W/C 10th February 2014.

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Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.

This is a permanent position and all offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Closing Date: Monday 10th February, 2014 at noon
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Shortlisting: **17th February 2014** Interviews: **Week commencing 24th February 2014**

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Completed applications should be emailed to:

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Further details are available from **Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU**
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A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website. Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Monday 24th February 2014. Please note that CVs will not be considered.

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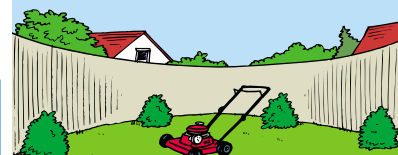
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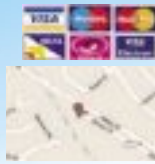
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DONS

'Small holiday' away from MK Dons is no fun for centre back

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK DONS centre back Jordan Spence is glad to be back at the club after a one-month spell at his parent club West Ham United.

The defender has re-joined Dons for his third loan of the season following Shaun Williams' departure to Millwall, having joined Dons for a month in October, and then having it extended for another month in November.

With Antony Kay returning to the side, Spence returned to West Ham in January, which has coincided with a loss of form for Dons.

But Spence is back now, and he is looking forward to gaining some consistency with Saturday's League One trip to Walsall.

"It doesn't feel like I've been away for too long so I'm pleased to be back playing football again," said the 23-year-old.

"I understood the situation when I went back to West Ham. The gaffer couldn't have kept me here even if he wanted to and I guess him bringing me back here shows he probably wanted to keep me here."

"I was in a bit of a roll in terms of playing games and the results were good so that was the disappointment and then the next Saturday was a long afternoon sitting in front of Gillette Soccer Saturday just watching the rest of the boys play but I'm glad to be back and I'm glad the small holiday is over."

His initial loan spell came due to Kay's injury, but he is now back at the club for very different reasons, and playing alongside an entirely different centre back.

"They're different but from the weekend we didn't look like we hadn't played together before," Spence said of Kay.

"Having a partnership sometimes in training helped. Shaun is a terrific footballer, everyone knows what capabilities he had and what he brought to the team so losing a

player like that is always a loss."

A 1-0 defeat to Tranmere Rovers was what Spence came back to on Saturday, and the defender said he was disappointed that the side failed to take even a draw out of the game, with Dons missing a hatful of chances.

He feels that it wasn't the first time chances had gone astray this season, and he wants to see the side put away more of the opportunities they are given.

"I've only played in 13 games and in that time I think we saw that one time too many," said Spence.

"It was just disappointing not to take at least a point from the game."

"But it's our responsibility that we let a game slip that was thoroughly under our control for pretty much all of the game minus a small spell in the second half so it's extremely disappointing."

Walsall is next on the agenda for Dons, and Spence says no team holds any fear for the side, with the stadiummk outfit already beating the likes of Wolves, Sheffield United, Port Vale and the Saddlers themselves already this season.

"We've beaten Walsall here before so hopefully we can do the double over them," he said. "We're not daunted by any team in this league."

"We went up to Wolves and beat them 2-0 quite convincingly as well so it's just the inconsistencies in playing teams below us in the table and quite often the teams in and around us we've managed to beat. We feel we can keep clean sheets in the back four and we were obviously disappointed that we were three minutes away from keeping one against Tranmere."

"I feel that we'll be able to do a good job and hopefully we can give a good strong rearguard action."

And as for his own future, Spence is not looking beyond Walsall.

"I don't look at the long term," he said. "Things change far too quickly for me to live too far in the future."



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Back: Jordan Spence, right
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IT WAS very much a frustrating weekend with us conceding at the end of the game when we created enough chances to have gotten something from the match.

It has been a bit of a curse for us this season with former players scoring, and Ryan Lowe was at it on Saturday, but it's one of those things.

It was a difficult week for us all last week and a frustrating one as well. We didn't pick up the points we wanted to against Tranmere and Carlisle, and we weren't at our best up in Cumbria, where we covered a lot of miles, as did all the fans that came up to watch us.

We were all disappointed that we didn't show up.

The transfer window closed and we were unable to bring any players in but the loan window is open so we will be looking to bring in somebody.

Without a shadow of a doubt we need a striker. Patrick Bamford was fantastic and he has gone on to the Championship to score four goals in four games. We haven't scored in our last three so that shows that we need a striker.

Patrick was always in the right place at the right time and we need to bring in a centre forward.

Make no mistake about Walsall on Saturday, they are a very good side and what the manager has done there has been fantastic.

But if we go up there and get a positive result then it changes the whole atmosphere.

I've watched this situation with Brian McDermott and Leeds United over the weekend and that's a very difficult situation for them to be in.

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FORMULA ONE

Frustration for Red Bull in pre-season testing

TECHNICAL problems gave Red Bull a miserable four days in Jerez during their pre-season testing.

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Red Bull ended their time in Jerez early on day four of the tests at the weekend.

A mechanical issue on the RB10 led the team to pull out of the afternoon session and instead focus its attention on the next test in Bahrain.

"It's been a very difficult test," said Team Principal Christian Horner.

"We have had numerous Renault

issues as well as chassis cooling issues, which have affected our progress."

"However, despite the lack of mileage, what we have managed to learn shows that the problems should be solvable for the next test in Bahrain."

"Part of the purpose of this early test was to learn about any issues ahead of the start of the season and there will now be a lot of focus on the dyno over the next few weeks."

Race engineering co-ordinator Andy Damerum said of the final day's testing: "We did seven laps and every time Daniel [Ricciardo] went out we made improvements to the control of the engine."

"We were also making fixes to the

issues that have arisen from our side and we have made progress there."

"However, we then discovered a mechanical issue with the car and after investigation it became clear we would not be able to fix this in time to run in the afternoon, so the decision was taken to retire early, take the data we have amassed and work towards the next test in Bahrain."

"Two weeks is a long time in Formula One and I'm sure Renault will work flat out now to solve the problems we've been having."

"It's obviously not where we want to be and naturally the whole team is frustrated by these issues."

World champion Sebastian Vettel

said: "Obviously we've not had a lot of running and have a few problems to sort out, but with such big rule changes it is usual to have some teething problems."

"That's what tests are for, to sort those issues out."

The second of three pre-season tests begins in Bahrain on February 19.

Formula One has introduced its biggest rule changes in a generation ahead of the 2014 season, with new 1.6-litre V6 engines fitted with complicated energy-recovery systems, as well as new regulations governing the design of the cars.

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6 Walsall	29	6	4	4	16	15	6	3	3	20	11	+10	46
7 Peterborough	28	9	1	4	20	15	5	2	7	28	25	+8	45
8 Swindon	29	10	1	3	31	17	2	4	9	15	22	+7	41
9 Port Vale	27	7	3	3	20	16	5	0	9	19	26	-3	39
10 DONS	27	7	3	4	24	17	3	3	8	17	25	-1	36
11 Gillingham	29	7	4	5	23	20	3	1	9	16	29	-10	35
12 Coventry	27	7	4	3	32	29	5	4	4	23	18	+8	34
13 Bradford	28	4	7	3	22	14	3	6	5	16	20	+4	34
14 Colchester	26	5	3	5	18	17	3	7	3	17	17	+1	34
15 Oldham	29	5	3	5	16	18	4	3	9	17	23	-6	33
16 Crawley	25	4	4	4	13	15	2	6	4	16	19	-5	31
17 Tranmere	29	3	5	6	17	27	5	2	8	15	23	-18	31
18 Carlisle	28	6	2	6	22	28	2	4	8	10	23	-17	30
19 Crewe	29	6	4	5	19	21	2	2	10	11	33	-24	30
20 Bristol City	28	4	5	5	15	21	1	6	6	19	25	-6	27
21 Shrewsbury	29	4	5	7	13	17	2	4	7	15	23	-11	27
22 Notts County	30	6	1	7	21	19	2	2	12	16	31	-13	27
23 Sheff Utd	27	5	5	3	18	14	1	3	10	8	24	-12	26
24 Stevenage	26	3	2	7	12	18	3	2	9	12	26	-20	22

• Table does not include last night's matches

BADMINTON

Adcocks v Emms?

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock are each aiming for a double when they tackle the English National Badminton Championships at stadiummk this weekend.

Chris is trying to regain the mixed and men's doubles titles he won in 2012, while mixed partner Gabby is looking to extend her women's doubles dominance.

But to win the mixed doubles title the husband and wife team, ranked fifth in the world, may well have to overcome one of England's greatest players.

The draw for the competition put the Adcocks on a mouth-watering quarter-final collision course with former World, European and Commonwealth champion and 2004 Olympic silver medallist Gail Emms, who has come out of retirement in a 'play for fun' partnership with current England International and 2013 runner-up Marcus Ellis. However, Ellis and Emms, who won the title six times, may have to beat Ben Stawski and Alex Langley in the second round.

Nottinghamshire's Langley is also likely to face six-times women's doubles champion



Emms and three-time winner Ella Tripp in the second round of the women's doubles.

Heather Olver and Kate Robertshaw are top seeds in the women's doubles, and Adcock and Lauren Smith are seeded to meet them in the final.

Adcock and Ellis are top men's doubles seeds and should not be tested until the semi-finals when

they come up against third seeds Chris Cole and Matt Nottingham.

In the men's singles number one seed Rajiv Ouseph, pictured, will probably have to overcome seventh seed Sam Dobson and third seed Rhys Walker to reach the final, while the women's singles contains three past or present champions.

Defending champion Sarah

Walker has fifth seed Chloe Birch likely to bar her path.

In the bottom half, five-times champion Elizabeth Cann should come through to face second seed and 2013 runner-up Fontaine Chapman in the quarter-finals, where 2011 winner and fourth seed Nicola Cerfontyne should meet seventh seed Helena Lewczynska.

ICE HOCKEY

Top week for super MK



Injured: Michael Farn was in the wars this weekend

MK LIGHTNING produced two sensational wins away at top four teams to give themselves a very real possibility of topping the table come the end of the season.

After beating Basingstoke Bison 3-2 on Saturday, Lightning then toppled Guildford Flames on Sunday in a 4-1 success, and with leaders Manchester Phoenix slipping up at the weekend, MK are now within five points of the top of the English Premier League.

Defenceman Michael Farn was left with a black eye, a cut to his eye and damage to the root of one of his teeth after receiving a stick to the face, but he says that with four points in the bag from the weekend, those injuries become less of a problem, and he cannot wait for this evening's huge semi-

final first leg when Lightning take on Manchester in the EPL Cup at the Coventry Skydome. The return leg takes place a week today.

"When you get a stick to the face it makes it feel a lot better on the Monday morning when you've got four points," Farn said.

"In our last two home games against Manchester we've beaten them 7-2 and lost in a shoot-out at their place, so we're more than capable of getting a result in the semi-final."

Farn believes the results this weekend have now given Lightning a great crack at the title.

"Without two wins we might have struggled, but we're five points off the top so we know we can win the league," he said.

"Out of our last five games against the top three teams we've won four and lost one in overtime, so now we've got to beat the teams below us in the table like Telford Tigers, who we play twice this weekend."

Meanwhile, the wet weather of recent weeks is not holding back work on the refurbishment of Planet Ice with all plans still within the original deadline of early Autumn. The 15-month project also includes a large new supermarket for Morrisons and other retail units.

Lightning chairman Vito Rausa said: "There are very visible signs of progress appearing on site all the time, and we're hoping to be able to take a closer look with a site visit in a few weeks."

RUGBY UNION

Twickenham dream over after Bletchley loss

BLETCHLEY head coach Stuart van Rooyen said his players ran out of steam after they lost their Southern Counties final game at Trowbridge.

Bletchley succumbed to a 34-10 defeat, but with a horrendous wind against them in the first half, they found themselves 22-0 down at one stage.

"Trowbridge had a decent side and overall they were a lot stronger than us," said van Rooyen, who would have been in

charge of the first Buckinghamshire side to have won in the final had Bletchley succeeded.

"We just ran out of steam and they were worthy winners but it was a good run by us."

Bletchley must now focus their attentions back on the Southern Counties North league, which they are currently top of, with a trip to Drifters on Saturday.

The Trowbridge game began disastrously for Bletchley as prop

Alan Briggs was injured, and his replacement Ian Cope had to go off the pitch after the first scrum of the game also due to an injury.

After going 22-0 down thanks to three Trowbridge tries, two conversions and a penalty, Steve Allan scored a forwards' try for Bletchley to bring the score back to 22-5 at half time.

Adam Fox got another try back for the Bucks side after 50 minutes, but after an altercation with an opponent during the

restart after his try, Fox was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes, which severely affected Bletchley's chances as they looked to take advantage of having the wind with them.

Two tries, one of which was converted, took the game away from Bletchley in the second half as Trowbridge ran out 34-10 victors.

Milton Keynes and Olney didn't play at the weekend in their respective leagues.

SPORTS SHORTS

CYCLO-CROSS

MILTON Keynes will host a round of the World Cup cyclo-cross during the 2014-15 season – the first time a World Cup race will be held outside of mainland Europe.

The Management Board of the UCI – cycling's World body – met in Hoogerheide in the Netherlands on Saturday ahead of the Junior and Women's cyclo-cross World Championships and ratified the programme for the 2014-15 World Cup season.

The World Cup race is scheduled for Saturday, November 29 and on the following day it's expected that a round of the National Trophy series will be held on the very same Campbell Park based course.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town are still without a point on their travels this season after their latest away day defeat – a 3-1 reverse at United Counties League Premier champions Holbeach United.

The Carters Park outfit took the lead after five minutes when a slip by Swans defender Paul Lyon allowed Tommy Treacher a run on goal from the left.

Treacher doubled the home lead on the quarter hour and eight minutes later Adam Rothery extended the lead. After 25 minutes Newport were on the scoresheet with Frost turning smartly in the box to convert a knock down from Charles McKay.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Men's 1sts lost 6-1 for the second week in a row, this time at table-topping Chichester. They are 10th in the South Hockey League Premier Division, with Giacomo Palmiero getting their goal.

The women's team picked up a creditable 2-2 draw at home to Sonning, which sees them join Oxford on 14 points, but Milton Keynes remain 10th on goal difference.

HANDBALL

OLY Cats made it three wins in a row with a 34-30 victory over City of Nottingham, and maintained their 100 per cent home record.

John Pearce, Mark Hawkins, Dan McMillan and new signing Ricki Lyngsoe all scored seven goals apiece in a match which ebbed and flowed throughout. Although the Oly Cats top the table, they do so courtesy of goal difference after Coventry Sharkbite won 32-23 against Loughborough, with the two teams tied on 16 points. Oly Cats entertain Coventry Seconds this weekend.

KORFBALL

MK BUCKS picked up two wins over both MK Lakers sides as the second half of the SMKA season began in Bletchley. MK Lakers Monday lost 16-3, while the Bucks defeated the Lakers' Wednesday side 14-12, with both games taking place on Saturday.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Joey Duck was back in winning form for England at an Indoor International Meeting in Vienna, taking the tape in 23.91s in the 200m.

Laura Zialor improved her club triple jump record to 11.50m to win in the London Indoor Games.

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Winger set to sign as MK Dons look to boost squad

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson is excited by the prospect of a new signing MK NEWS understands was about to happen late last night (Tuesday).

Robinson was in discussion with a winger who has recently played at Championship level and is now a free agent.

The imminent arrival will help bolster a squad in desperate need of goals, with Dons not scoring in their last three following the departure of Patrick Bamford.

"It's a player who is very exciting and who can hopefully bring us some good fortune," said Robinson.

"The boy hasn't played much football and he has been sold for over a quarter of a million pounds in the past so hopefully he can come in and do what he says on the tin.

"He's a game-changer, a goalscorer and I'm really excited.

"He hasn't had a great time personally and he needs a chance.

"Hopefully we can rebuild him and he's a good kid."

The arrival will help breathe new life into a side that should have beaten Tranmere Rovers at the weekend, but they instead lost 1-0.

Robinson said: "Obviously we are disappointed from Saturday.

"We felt that we should have been 3-0 up after that first half and it's so evident where we need to improve.

"It's a shame for the back four and we were desperate to keep that clean sheet.

"You wouldn't have thought the same team played here as the one that did against Carlisle and we



Despair: The defeat to Tranmere on Saturday highlighted the need for new faces at Dons

need to be more clinical."

But on a more positive note, Robinson praised Ben Reeves, and believes the signing from Southampton in the summer has been one of the best in League One.

"Reevesy was unplayable and once again we find another gem," Robinson said.

"I'm really pleased with him and I think he's one of the best signings in this league this season.

"He is a manager and fan's favourite but Luke Chadwick is waiting in the wings."

Robinson said after Saturday's defeat to Tranmere that a striker

was top of his wishlist, but that has led to more frustration, with the boss saying that 'one or two doors' have closed in his face.

He also admitted that he wasn't sure what the future held for Chris Long, and he will be discussing the on loan striker with his parent club Everton today (Wednesday).

"We could have done one or two bits of business at the last minute but that would have just been a number so it was pointless and the one coming in excites me," the manager said.

"If he's at 75 per cent of what he was then he'll be one of the best

wingers in the league.

"I understand people's frustrations and they lie amongst us all."

Walsall and a trip to the Bank's Stadium face Dons this weekend, and a win is crucial to keep their faint play-off hopes alive.

"Walsall are a good side to beat Notts County 5-1 and they have brought in some quality strikers," said Robinson. "They're in a rich vein of form and didn't play at the weekend so we've got a big game.

"We want to put ourselves firmly in that top 10 and if we lose we become completely disconnected with Walsall so it's a massive game."

Lowe says sorry after coming back to haunt Dons with late strike



Late celebrations: Tranmere

FORMER MK Dons striker Ryan Lowe apologised to stadium fans after he celebrated getting a late winner for Tranmere Rovers in their 1-0 win on Saturday.

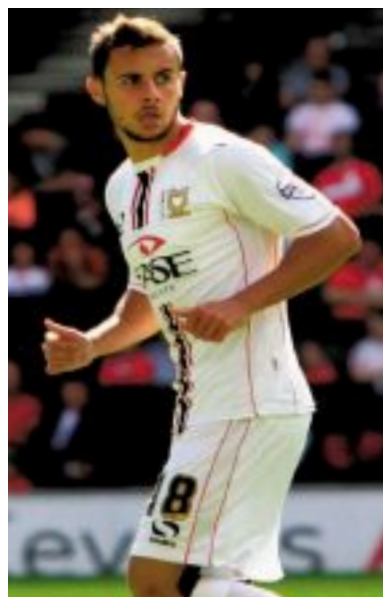
Lowe's 91st minute strike gave Tranmere three vital points, and Lowe apologised to manager Karl Robinson and the fans for his celebrations, but added that with his goal being the winner, he was well within his rights to celebrate.

"I'd like to apologise but we took three points at a good club today," said Lowe.

"The celebration was no disrespect to the fans and I actually apologised to Karl afterwards but it's football and I've just got my team three points so I'm going to celebrate aren't I?"

"We grafted hard for that win and we've taken three points from a good team.

"They deserve respect because they're a good passing team."



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Mike Clarke from Travis Perkins, at one of the oversubscribed workshops, explaining the importance of getting the details right from the very beginning.

Travis Perkins

'We collected some strong applications for many of the roles across our Northampton head office in IT, Marketing, Supply Chain, Finance and HR. The MK Event was a real success for us, targeting a highly relevant demographic.'

Toby Barnes
Group Head of Resourcing
Travis Perkins plc.



'HIT Training thought the event was a huge success and not just because we were giving away mocktails and cupcakes! The day resulted in some fantastic responses for us and it was great to hear feedback from those in the hospitality industry on what a great opportunity they felt our training programmes would be to them. We are continuing to receive responses via email and telephone and it's great to see people of all ages interested in the training and development HIT can offer.'

All in all a fabulous event."

Kerri Rook, Area Manager -
Buckinghamshire
HIT Training Ltd



Amanda Pick, Talent Business Partner for the lead sponsor Volkswagen Financial Services (UK) said, "Volkswagen Financial Services (VWFS) is the largest captive automotive finance company in the UK and an expanding local employer who has been based in Milton Keynes since the firm's inception in 1994. The MK Job Show was fantastic opportunity for VWFS to showcase itself to the city of Milton Keynes and as expected from a city with over 249,000 people in 2012 and expected to top 300,000 in the next fifteen years* we saw a rich variety of candidates. As VWFS employs heavily from the local area we are delighted with our participation in the event."

**Source: Invest Milton Keynes*

Amanda Pick,
Talent Business Partner
Volkswagen Financial
Services (UK)



"An amazing experience to meet and greet Lord Younger and a fantastic opportunity to introduce our start-up company with very bright future prospects."

"Looking back at the picture together with Lord Younger and being appreciated for our work, it feels great to be part of the show."

"A wonderful beginning, as it was our very first show out in public."

"One of the busiest shows I've ever seen at Milton Keynes as shown by the huge number of people at the show."

"Explaining to thousands of people about how they can achieve their goals with LAYWi was an eye-opening and extremely rewarding experience."



By 11 am we had already spoken with 200 potential clients and by the end of the day over 1,600 Adult Continuing Education brochures had been given out to someone who was actively looking to take a course or work with us.

Claire Griffin
Principal, Community
Learning Service,
Milton Keynes Council



"We decided to attend the MK Job Show to promote FCO Services as a local employer. The layout was well designed and the local awareness and coverage created from the events own newspaper, MK News and Heart Radio appeared to have a positive impact on visitor numbers. We were impressed with the quality of candidates that we had the opportunity to discuss possible future careers with, making the event a success for FCO Services"

Foreign & Commonwealth
Office Services.



"We found the job fair was a great opportunity to highlight what Dawsongroup PLC has to offer and also to build our reputation in the local and surrounding area. We have numerous vacancies available from sales to administration, and found the event to be a positive way to interact with people who are actively or tentatively looking for a new opportunity. Overall, Dawsongroup were impressed with the organisation and the quality and turnout at the job fair."

The team were genuinely impressed with the setup and were much busier than they expected.
Paul Rayner
Marketing Services Manager
Dawson Group



The MK Job Show provided us with a high calibre of candidates that were suited to the roles we were offering. Footfall was high through the day with nonstop interest in our services. It was refreshing to see health care services represented in a positive manner. **A definite must for any employer with vacancies to fill. We will definitely be back in September.**



"I attend recruitment event all over the country for different clients and I must say that Saturday's MK Job Show was one of if not the best that I have attended. Everything from the initial support with the stands right through to pointing people in our direction and of course the hospitality offered to exhibitors was excellent."

"We spent the day promoting Volunteering opportunities available in Milton Keynes and were amazed at the response and passion from people from all over Milton Keynes."

Gamiel Yafai
Diversity Marketplace



Gillian Ellis, at Countrywide plc said "We really enjoyed attending the MK Job Show. We had a prime position next to the 1-2-1 booth's that were giving careers advice. **The event was well organised and well attended capturing both active and passive job seekers on a Saturday in a busy central shopping venue.**

"With never a quiet moment, our Countrywide stand was always busy with our people talking to job seekers about the many opportunities we have across the Countrywide group."
Gillian Ellis,
Group Talent Sourcing
Consultant
Countrywide plc



We were delighted to participate in the MK Job Show which was an overwhelming success. It was a pleasure for us to engage with and support the local business community and also to help individuals make more informed career choices.

Over 150 individuals took the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the type of roles for which they may be suited via our Personal Profile Analysis (PPA) behavioural assessment.

Lydia Boucher
Thomas International





CRANE BUILDING SERVICES & UTILITIES

Representatives of Crane Building Services & Utilities attended the MK Job Show on Saturday 25th January in order to promote opportunities at our site in Hitchin.

Without exception these representatives from all areas of the business were impressed by the number of people who stopped at our stand to talk to us and who showed an interest not only in our business but also a strong interest in the career opportunities we have available.

We were recruiting for a broad range of roles from Process Engineers

and Warehouse and Production Operatives through to opportunities in Planning, Quality and Customer Services amongst others.

The event attracted candidates for a variety of these roles and we have received in excess of 150 cv's and details from people registering an interest in coming to join us and are currently evaluating them to identify suitable opportunities.

Michelle Wilson
HR Manager
Crane Building Services & Utilities



The Policy Expert team attended the MK Job Show and found it to be a great experience. For a young, growing company who has expanded rapidly over the past year, it was a great opportunity to meet people who share the same passion for delivering excellent customer service and discuss our current recruitment vacancies.

The event was extremely busy and was very well organised and we will certainly be interested in attending the next MK Job Show in September.



Liz Crump, HR Manager - Policy Expert



"There was a great buzz at the event throughout the entire day and it was fantastic to talk to so many people who were interested in working for Santander."

"We spoke to a wide variety of people from those with lots of experience, to others looking for a career change, and young people interested in starting their career with us."

"We were recruiting for a variety of exciting opportunities within our Finance, Risk, Marketing, Fraud and Customer Service teams. Details of our available opportunities in Milton Keynes can be found at our website: www.SantanderJobs.co.uk"

Recruitment Team
Santander UK Plc



The MK Job Show was an unequivocal success and resulted in a large number of enquiries for Army careers in the Regular and Reserve. Situated in an excellent position and allowing 360 degree access, we were inundated by the general public throughout the day and were able to reinforce the new recruitment campaign message of 'More than meets the eye'.

Clearly, footfall was vital and correspondingly there was no shortage as interested people took their time to

engage and learn about the broad range of career options ranging from 'Chef to Electrician, or 'Para to Musician'.

After such a productive day the work has continued into the following week at the Milton Keynes Army Careers Centre as parents, young people and qualified professionals have arranged appointments with a view to joining up!

Major Rick Fletcher RLC
Senior Careers Advisor
Oxford Army Careers Centre



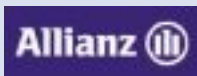
With confidence in the property market improving nationally, since the summer of 2013 we have been recruiting in all departments of our Head Office in Leighton Buzzard to support the busy circa 500 High Street branches Connells Group inc. Brown & Merry now have, and the timing we hoped would be perfect to exhibit at the MK Job Show so early in 2014.



We had eight people from various departments including guys from our expanding call centre working at the show. We were all flat out all day from the start at 10am till 6pm as we were

packing up and we were overwhelmed by the volume of visitors to the show.

Ian Dobrin
Group Recruitment Director
Connells Group



Thanks for a brilliant and well organised recruitment fair - it was the first one I have organised and our attendance to and it was a really positive

experience.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I think we have potentially found some really high calibre candidates for our current vacancies.

Charlotte Callaghan
Recruitment Controller,
Allianz



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"We found the show well organised, buzzing with excitement and full of people wanting to make a key difference in their lives, open to looking at new possibilities. It was inspiring meeting so many people from different nationalities and backgrounds, especially with our multicultural team who were able to speak in their native languages. Think globally, act locally."

"A fantastic way to gain public Awareness of our Business Opportunity and product Portfolio, and to re- connect with people who used to know Amway years ago ! Can't wait for the next one !"

"I was really surprised at the amount of people

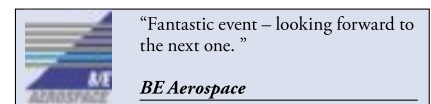
attending the job show. The interest at our stand was very high, people enjoyed learning about our business opportunity with global brands."

"The MK Job Show was a fantastic and very well-organised event. Both visitors and participating organisations have benefited from this professionally set up

platform for networking and developing future business partnerships. It's a highly productive and inspiring event!"

"The Job Show was a fantastic platform to reach diverse perspectives and gave individuals the opportunity to see Amway exhibiting among key players in the world of business"

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"Fantastic event - looking forward to the next one."

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